

INTERNATIONAL

Intensive negotiations under way in Beirut

German hostage may be freed soon

BEIRUT, June 6, (AP): Beirut newspapers said today that "energetic negotiations" were under way to release West German hostage Rudolf Cordes. One reported that 166 Iranians were missing in Lebanon's eastern sector.

Several dailies quoted a privately-owned Muslim news agency, the Daily News, as saying the Bonn government was engaged in direct contacts with the kidnappers holding Cordes in Beirut.

"These energetic negotiations might culminate in Cordes' release within a few days in exchange for releasing Mohammed Ali and Abbas Hamadi," the agency was quoted as saying.

Newspapers said the agency cited "sources concerned with the hostages' affair in Lebanon" for its report, but gave no details.

The agency is known to have close links with moderate Shiite Muslim clerics in Lebanon, including Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddin, head of Lebanon's Supreme Shiite Council, and Sheikh Abdul-Amir Kaban, the sect's senior

religious judge.

There have been several reports in Lebanese and German newspapers over last six months predicting Cordes, 53, would soon be released.

Condition

Cordes, a businessman, was kidnapped on Jan 17 last year. A group calling itself Holy Warriors for Freedom claimed on June 8 that it had abducted him and said it would release him if the Hamadi brothers were freed.

Mohammed Ali Hamadi, 23, was scheduled to go on trial on July 5 in Frankfurt on charges of air piracy and murder in the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner. The Shiite Muslim hijackers held 39 Americans captive for 17 days and killed US Navy diver Robert Stethem.

Abbas Hamadi, 29, is serving a 13-year prison term in Duesseldorf for involvement in kidnapping Cordes and another West German, Alfred Schmidt.

Schmidt, 48, a Siemens company engineer, was snatched in West Beirut on Jan 20 last year and freed as a goodwill gesture

by the Holy Warriors for Freedom on Sept 7.

The group is believed to be headed by Abdul-Hadi Hamadi, 31, chief of security for the Iranian-backed, Shiite fundamentalist Hezbollah.

Americans

Hezbollah also is believed to be an umbrella for various extremist factions holding most of the 18 foreign kidnap victims currently missing in Lebanon. They include nine Americans.

Beirut's leftist As Safr newspaper said an estimated 166 Iranians have been missing since crossing Beirut's dividing Green Line from the Muslim sector to the Christian zone 26 days ago.

The daily quoted unnamed sources as saying their families and friends in West Beirut have been trying in vain to find out what happened to them.

"We've been surprised by this report," said an Iranian embassy spokesman, who declined to be named. "We shall do our best to verify it."

As Safr said the missing Iranians were trying to obtain visas from the Christian port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, to Larnaca, Cyprus, when they disappeared.

The daily did not explain why the Iranians would risk travelling through hostile Christian territory to Jounieh rather than fly out of Beirut airport, which is in the Muslim sector and controlled by the Syrians.

East Beirut, Jounieh and most of the Christian hinterland are controlled by the Lebanese Forces, the main Christian militia, which has been involved in Lebanon's 13-year-old civil war between Christians and Muslims.

The group has been accused of kidnapping three Iranian officials and their Lebanese driver in July 1982 as they travelled in the Christian zone after fleeing West Beirut during Israel's invasion.

The militia has denied it holds the Iranians, revolutionary guards commander Ahmad Motevaselian, embassy Charge d'Affaires Mohsen Musavi and Kazem Akhavan, a correspondent for Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.



Tony award winners pose for photographers. From left: Ron Silver, Joanne Gleason, Michael Crawford and Joan Allen. (Reuters wirephoto)

Alligator kills a girl in Florida

ENGLEWOOD, Florida, June 6, (UPI): A 10 1/2-foot bull alligator grabbed a 4-year-old girl in its jaws and killed her, dragging her into a suburban pond and refusing to surrender her body until wildlife officers shot the animal six hours later.

The girl, her 6-year-old brother and another little boy were playing with their Labrador puppy near the man-made pond at the gardens of Gulf Cove housing development in Englewood, on the Gulf coast about 30 miles south of Sarasota.

The children had been wading in the ankle-deep water near the shore. They were walking along the bank single file, with Erin behind the two boys when the alligator grabbed her.

"The boys never even saw the alligator. One of the boys heard splashes and screams, then saw the girl trying to crawl up the bank. The alligator grabbed her around the midsection and pulled her out into the water," an official said.

The alligator swam away and the boys ran for help. Divers from the Charlotte county sheriff's office carefully searched the pond, aided by wildlife officers and an alligator trapper.

"They had divers in the water, but after nightfall they were worried about diving with the alligator," still loose, they said.

Shortly before midnight, the alligator crawled toward shore with the girl's body still in its mouth.

Phantom captures seven Tony awards

NEW YORK, June 6, (AP): 'The Phantom of the Opera' swooped down on the 1988 Tony Awards, carrying off seven Tonys including the best musical award, while 'M. Butterfly' David Henry Hwang's exotic love story, was chosen best play.

Besides its best musical prize, 'Phantom' captured musical prizes for best actor, Michael Crawford; director, Harold Prince, featured actress, Judy Kaye and swept all three technical awards: Maria Bjornson for sets and costumes and Andrew Bridge for lighting.

"There are so many ups and downs in this business. Well, the time I have had here in New York," said an emotional Crawford. "I know by the law of averages I must be due to be knocked down by a truck."

While 'Phantom' captured the big musical prize, it failed to win awards for score and book which went to Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, the composer and author of 'Into the Woods,' a fairy tale musical.

"I'm so glad that Stephen won, so I didn't have to share this with him," said Lapine in accepting

the book of a musical award. M. Butterfly, the true story of a love affair between a French diplomat and a transvestite singer in the Beijing opera, picked up two other awards beside best play.

Best director

"I'm like improbable plots, but I'm not sure I would make that one up," cracked Hwang. The plays also won prizes for director John Dexter and B.D. Wong, an actor who plays the exotic singer.

Ron Silver was named best actor for his portrayal of a cut-rate Hollywood mogul in David Mamet's 'Speed-the-Plow,' while Joan Allen was named as best actress for her portrait of a bereaved dancer in Lanford Wilson's 'Burn This.'

Joanna Gleason of 'Into the Woods' was the enthusiastic winner of the best actress musical award, edging out Patti Lupone of 'Anything Goes' in a close contest.

Bill McCutcheon, a comic gangster on the lam in 'Anything Goes,' received the featured actor in a musical award.

100 Soviet troops killed in clashes with Afghan rebels

ISLAMABAD, June 6, (AP): Heavy fighting continues in Afghanistan's northeastern province, and up to 100 Soviet soldiers were reported killed in a clash with guerrillas, a news agency said today.

Baghdad City, the provincial capital of Baghland, has been under siege for weeks. Mujahideen insurgents have captured the governor. Gulbaddin Hek-

matyar, current chairman of the seven-party guerrilla alliance, said the northern city's collapse would be a coup for his fighters. Agency Afghan Press, a privately operated Pakistani news service, claimed more than 100 Soviets and 15 mujahideen rebels were killed in a battle on a strategic roadways when the insurgents repulsed an attack on their headquarters near the city on May 27. There was no independent confirmation of the report.

Departing Soviet troops travel the strategic Salang highway, the only road out of Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul north to the Soviet Union. A northern city would give the mujahideen a stronghold should speculation prove true that Afghan President Najibullah is eyeing the north as a possible refuge if Kabul is overrun.

Soviet troops, which entered Afghanistan in 1979, began pulling out on May 15.

Official Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, claimed yesterday that government troops have overrun three guerrilla groups in the southeastern provinces of Zabul and Kandahar, and in the northwestern province of Faryab.

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PPP will win, says Benazir

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trying to form. But Benazir said that would amount to a re-imposition of martial law and she believed he had no choice.

"I think Zia has miscalculated. His stock has fallen very low. Even his own supporters are shocked," she said.

She said that if the PPP gained power, it would set up a federal-based system of economic management, attempt to cut unemployment and inflation, and try to attract more capital investment to develop Pakistan's manufacturing base.

She condemned Zia's pledge to speed up Islamisation of Pakistan, saying it would exacerbate already bloody sectarian rioting that now splits the country.

Later today in the nation's biggest city of Karachi, the other main opposition group said it was also ready to contest snap elections.

"The Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) will participate in the general elections," said Mairaj Mohammad Khan, convenor of the nine-party alliance.

Khan also called for free and impartially controlled elections within the 90 days specified under the constitution but threatened to challenge Zia's promises.

"We simply don't believe Zia, who broke his own promises while saying that he had no political ambitions," he told reporters after an MRD strategy session.

KUNA adds: A key reason Zia dismissed his cabinet last week was footdragging by Junjo to institute Islamic law or sharia. Western diplomats and local analysts said today.

Analysts told the Christian Science Monitor, Zia was increasingly frustrated by what he claimed was corruption under Junjo, as well as the prime minister's differences on foreign and domestic political matters.

Palestinian state ruled out

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self-rule in the occupied territories.

Shultz will have a final meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak tomorrow morning before ending his fourth Middle East mission of the year.

Shultz briefed Al Assad about the recent superpower summit in Moscow, and told Arab reporters that the United States and Soviet Union have "agreed to continue to address ourselves to the Middle East issues."

Discussions "We will have some continuing discussions, probably before long, on an intensive basis," Shultz said.

He cautioned that "its not for the Soviet Union and the United States to resolve the problems here. It's for the countries in the region to resolve their problems."

But he noted that the superpowers "have a certain amount of influence, and if we see some things in a parallel way it will probably make an impact."

The US has dropped its former opposition to a Soviet role in a Middle East peace conference, but it objects to an active part for outside powers in negotiations between Israel and its foes.

Meanwhile, Shamir left for the US today where he will meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in a bid to improve relations between Israel and Moscow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dust storms

NEW DELHI, June 6, (AP): Dust storms lashed parts of northern India, killing two people and injuring 10 others while bringing rain that tempered sweltering heat already responsible for hundreds of deaths.

Student dies

SEOUL, June 6, (AP): A student leader who set himself on fire during an anti-government, anti-US protest over the weekend died of his injuries today, and 148 other students were arrested while attempting to hold a rally near the North Korean border, officials said.

Venkataraman

MOSCOW, June 6, (KUNA): Venkataraman will make an official visit to the Soviet Union in the first half of July, Tass reported.

The official Soviet news agency said the visit comes at the invitation of the president of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Blacks strike

JOHANNESBURG, June 6, (Reuters): More than a million blacks began a three-day nationwide strike today, one of South Africa's biggest work stoppages, to denounce government curbs on political dissent and black union groups.

Another body found

BORKEN, June 6, (Reuters): Rescuers at a West German oilfield rocked by a series of explosions last week said today they had found another body, bringing the number of victims so far found to 46.

Jail riot

LONDON, June 6, (AP): An order for prisoners to remove pin-ups from newly painted walls sparked a riot early today in which several inmates escaped and others set buildings ablaze at a jail on England's northwest coast, officials said today.

No evidence of war crimes

Waldheim cleared in TV trial

VIENNA, June 6, (Reuters): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim today welcomed a mock television trial ruling that he was unlikely to have committed Nazi war crimes and said he hoped the finding would bring the controversy to a close.

Speaking to the Austrian press agency during a current visit to Saudi Arabia, Waldheim said the judgement of the television inquiry, broadcast in Britain last night, was proof that accusations

against him were "slanders with no basis of evidence."

In the programme, five retired judges from various countries issued a verdict based on 170 hours of evidence from 35 witnesses including several soldiers who had served with Waldheim in Hitler's Army in the Balkans.

The programme was produced by Britain's commercial Thames Television and the US-Cable Network home box office.

Waldheim, a former United

Nations Secretary-General, said the ruling confirmed what he had been saying for three years — "that the allegations against me were slanders with no basis of evidence."

"I hope this will finally bring some peace," he said.

Waldheim said he believed the programme's findings would have a calming effect in Austria and, "more important, I believe it will make an impression on those Western countries who are reserved and hesitant towards me."

Waldheim has been largely shunned by Western leaders since he was elected two years ago amid allegations that he was involved in war crimes while serving in the Balkans.

Waldheim was quoted as saying he assumed the "trial" finding would be noted in the United States, which last year put the Austrian leader on a "watch list" virtually barring him from entering the country.

In Vienna, a spokesman for the President dismissed the trial as having "nothing in common with a legal process," but welcomed the findings.

Spokesman Ralph Scheide said the judges had clearly not allowed themselves to be influenced by the media "and avoided the mistake of basing allegations on the physical proximity of Waldheim (to war crimes)."

"The judges drew a clear distinction between the terrible events in the Balkans and the lowly rank of Waldheim," Scheide said in a statement.

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Address to ILO annual conference

Sheikh Nasser focuses on human rights

GENEVA, June 6, (KUNA): Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser bin Abdullah Al Sabah, today addressed the 75th annual conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva, concentrating on human rights problems around the world.

The minister opened by noting that while the expression "human rights" was not directly included in the ILO constitution, the concept was the basis on which all the activities of the labour organisation were founded. He went on to discuss five main aspects of human rights problems, including the "barbaric actions taking place today in Palestine occupied by Israel."

"Those actions are committed against Arab citizens who lost their freedom under occupation," he said.

The way the Israel occupation is treating the Palestinians in the occupied territories by displacing, imprisoning, expelling them from their lands, demolishing their homes and depriving them of food and clothes is a repugnant aspect of these barbaric actions that the world community cannot accept," the minister said.

He called on the conference to condemn these actions and to confirm the political, social and cultural rights of the Palestinians to achieve the goals which the PLO, their legitimate representative, was struggling for.

Turning to a second aspect, he highlighted the fact that the Iran-Iraq war was about to enter its ninth year.

"Hundreds of thousands of men from both sides had died, billions of dollars had been spent to sustain the war, and the safety of other countries in the region was in jeopardy," he said.

He said that Kuwait had declared its willingness to sit at the negotiation table in order to put an end to this destructive war.

"Unfortunately, Iran has refused all the offers, so much so, that world public opinion and the peace-loving countries incited the Security Council to take its famous resolution 598 ... Iraq has accepted this resolution and we have to do everything we can to have Iran accept it also."

Loss
"This might put an end to the war," Sheikh Nasser told the representatives of the ILO's 150 member states attending the conference.

The minister noted that in addition to the vast loss of life, the war had cost, in financial terms, more than the entire income both countries had accumulated since the discovery of oil.

"Kuwait, on behalf of which I am speaking, has suffered materially and morally from the war, and still is. The same applies to the other peaceful countries of the Gulf."

Terrorism
Sheikh Nasser then addressed the subject of terrorism, which he described as "one of the evils of our era."

"Its victims are in most cases innocent citizens. My country has suffered more than once from terrorism," he noted.

The recent hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner illustrated the attitude of Kuwait "in refusing to submit to terrorism and blackmail, and by maintaining its pride and dignity, it was an excellent lesson by a small country."

The hijacking ended up "as an example of pride and steadfastness," Sheikh Nasser observed.

Other aspects of human rights dealt with by the minister included the widening gap between the principles emphasised in the various ILO conventions and the real situation in many parts of the world.

Obligation
Governments had an obligation to respect the ILO conventions they had ratified and also an obligation to urge countries with poor human rights records to remedy their shortcomings.

The basic concept of human rights was expanding, and things like unemployment, poverty and

indebtedness directly affected these rights, he argued.

Concerted efforts were required to find a solution to the problem of Third World unemployment and debt, and this would require a new international economic order.

"If the international community does not find satisfactory solutions to these grave problems, then the concept of human rights will remain a verse written on paper, to no real effect," he commented.

Record
The minister then referred to "Kuwait's excellent record in caring for human rights."

"According to many international and non-aligned documents, we, in Kuwait, have achieved — without boasting — a high degree of protection of human rights for citizens and residents of Kuwait alike."

"Our country provides social, economic and cultural services that ensure a decent life for all its citizens."

"Our workers have their own unions that receive help and support from the state."

"The citizens and the workers receive equal salaries for equal work. Women in our country enjoy the right to work and social equality," the Social Affairs and Labour minister continued.

He ended his discourse by saying that after his review of human rights problems, he wanted to assure the conference of Kuwait's compassion for its brothers in the Third World and its determination to work earnestly to help them in their development and difficulties.

Also speaking on the occasion, Shareedah Al Azmi, from the maintenance department at the Ministry of Public Works said debris scattered on the roads led to impediments in traffic. He stressed the importance of

spreading awareness among motorists and the need for an increase in traffic patrols. He praised the role of the press and other media in highlighting problems and shortcomings.

Addressing the seminar, the director-general of the cleaning department at Kuwait Municipality, Issa Al Kandari, said road cleaning faced several obstacles such as sand being carried by the wind from sand dunes, burst water pipes, rain water accumulation, debris left by contractors and the problem of abandoned vehicles in the streets.

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Sheikh Nasser (left) addressing the ILO conference.

Clean roads reflect the image of society

THE chairman of Kuwait's Road Safety Society, Sabah Al Rayes, in his opening speech yesterday at the society's weekly seminar "Roads and Highways Cleaning" said that cleaning of roads was a civic duty in advanced societies and like a mirror reflecting the image of such societies. He commented that roads were in need of regular maintenance — particularly during winter and in the wake of dust storms.

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Ramadan alms total KD200,000

THE Zakat House yesterday announced that the alms and other charitable donations during the month of Ramadan totalled 200,000 Kuwaiti dinars. Acting director of department of the resources development at the Zakat House Osman Yousif Al Haji said alms totalled KD158,000, while collected charitable donations reached KD13,000.

He pointed out that two mobile units were provided by the house to facilitate collection of the alms and other money.

Meanwhile, acting director of the local distribution department at the house Khalid Al Hussein said that the house distributed 105,000 iftar (breakfast) meals during the month of Ramadan.

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ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The Amir later received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber who returned yesterday from Jeddah after heading Kuwait's delegation to the GCC's ministerial council meetings.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah yesterday received in his office at the Council of Ministers, the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad.

Sheikh Saeed also received Central Bank Governor Sheikh Saleh Abdul Aziz Al Sabah and Kuwait's Ambassador to US, Sheikh Saeed Nasser Al Sabah.

Sheikh Saeed later received Mohamed Abdul Rahman Al Bahar, Lt. General Abdul Latif Faisal Al Thumaini and the mukhtar of south Jahra, Mohamed Haif Al Hojrat.

Sheikh Saeed also received a number of citizens in the public diwan and later chaired a meeting of the Higher Petroleum Council.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

New meaning of national unity

TWO Kuwaiti dailies yesterday affirmed that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories has established a new meaning of national unity and a new reality, totally different from that 20 years ago when the Arabs lived in chaos following their defeat in the six-day war against the Israelis.

Al Watan newspaper in a front-page comment called on Arab leaders convening in Algiers today to better their support of the uprising, on the threshold of its seventh month, to become political rather than diplomatic or informational.

The paper said that the uprising has ended any talk of Palestinian representation outside the Palestine Liberation Organisation, a fact that must be respected and not dodged when discussing the Palestinian cause.

"With this and only this, we can say that we (as Arabs) have given the glorious uprising some of its right and that we are faithful to the blood of the upheaval's martyrs, its wounded and those detained in the occupation prisons and camps and to thousands of fighters who are still, just like six months ago, armed with stones and the ever-living hope."

Al Rai Al Aam said, in a comment, that the Palestinian uprising has somewhat erased the bitter memory of the 1967 relapse, which raised the Sior of Israel, and put the Arab world on the sidelines.

Clear stand toward uprising

A WEEKLY magazine expressed hope that the Arab summit, due to convene in Algiers today, would assume a clear position toward the six-month-old Palestinian uprising which must surpass the previous "supporting" stances.

Al Mujtama, said in its editorial, to be published today "we accept support and condoning remarks from friendly states, but will not accept from oil Arab countries except full support of the uprising of the Muslim Palestinian people."

It called on the Arab summit to openly reject the peace initiative of US Secretary of State, George Shultz, affirming that such a plan "shoots at abolishing the upheaval and at saving US ally, Israel."

The weekly warned that Shultz's plan is a spitting image of the 1979 Camp David accords.

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Iran's request for diplomatic representation

Saudis delay reply until after haj

RIYADH, June 6, (Reuters): Iran is being made to wait until after the annual Muslim pilgrimage to find out whether Turkey can represent its interests in Saudi Arabia, diplomatic sources said today.

The sources said Riyadh had not approached any country about representing Saudi Arabia's interests in Iran. Riyadh broke diplomatic relations with Tehran in April, accusing the Iranians of "enemy-like stands."

Smuggling

With no diplomatic representation between the two countries it remains unclear how the 45,000 Iranian pilgrims, Riyadh says it will allow on next month's haj (pilgrimage), will obtain visas to

enter the kingdom.

Riyadh blamed Iran for riots during last year's pilgrimage to Makkah in which more than 400 people died—most of them Iranians. It accused Iran of smuggling explosives to disrupt last year's ceremony.

Tehran said the Makkah clashes were provoked by Saudi security forces who fired on peaceful demonstrators.

Diplomatic sources said today that the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs had told the Turkish government that no decision would be made on representing Tehran's interests until after the July pilgrimage. Saudi officials, who consider the haj a purely religious exercise, have repeatedly warned Iran that they would not be all-

owed any demonstrations at this year's haj.

Citing accommodation problems, they introduced a quota system which limited Iran to sending 45,000 pilgrims to Makkah.

Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini said in April that Iran would send 150,000 people, the same number as last year.

The pilgrimage, he said, would not be complete without demonstrations against "arrogant powers".

In Amman, an Arab diplomat said Saudi Arabia was trying to limit the number of Iranian pilgrims on this year's haj to a bare minimum. He predicted "just a few thousand" would receive visas.



Dr Al-Rushaid (centre) presiding over the first session.

Special education project

A NEW project sponsored by the Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Infancy launched under the title Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Mubarak Al Sabah project for seasonal specialised scientific studies will benefit three thousand students.

The project's objectives are to reward outstanding students by establishing special schools on lines adopted by some advanced countries. Details of the project are published in book form by Dr Raja Abu Allam and Dr Bader Al Omar and include discussions on the utilisation of true national

wealth, effects of trained manpower shortage which are manifested in the importation of specialised skills from other nations and other related issues.

The project emphasises the need to develop special education programmes for outstanding students who would then take the reins of various disciplines in the country.

Sheikh Ibrahim seeks agricultural co-operation

AMMAN, June 6, (KUNA): Visiting Kuwaiti board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah today conferred here with Jordanian Minister of Agriculture, Marwan Al Hmoud.

In the two-hour meeting, both discussed bilateral agricultural co-operation and possibilities of executing joint agricultural ventures particularly those dealing with developing fish and animal resources.

In response to a question by KUNA, Al Duaij said both sides have discussed a number of projects that have proved economically feasible noting that the visit enabled him and the accompanying delegation to get acquainted with the Jordanian developed techniques in the agricultural fields.

The Kuwaiti official arrived here on Saturday on a few days visit.

Land allotments at Sabah Al Salem suburb

AHMAD Al Samaka, the assistant director general for planning and designation affairs at the National Housing Authority (NHA), has said that citizens whose applications to get land allotments were submitted before 6 August, 1977, will be given these allotments in the Sabah Al Salem suburb shortly. He added that the NHA was giving a period of 15 days for these citizens to visit the NHA to complete their formalities. This announcement will be the last one. Those who do not come within this period will not have the right to these allotments. Al Samaka noted that the number of citizens who had visited the NHA in accordance with this notice did not tally with the number of applicants who had originally registered for these allotments. The authority would recall applicants who were registered on the reserve list to get their land allotments, he said.

Sheikh Salem invited to visit Oman

MUSCAT, June 6, (KUNA): The Omani Minister of Interior extended an invitation to his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Salem Al Sabah to visit the Sultanate of Oman, Radio Muscat reported today.

The radio noted that the invitation comes within the framework of co-operation and co-ordination between the two countries.

The invitation was contained in a message delivered to Sheikh Salem today dealing with bilateral relations, the radio said, noting that the Omani ambassador to Kuwait handed over the message.

Waldheim ends Saudi visit

JEDDAH, June 6, (KUNA): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim today left here at the conclusion of a four-day state visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was seen off by the Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz and a number of senior Saudi officials.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal exchanged views with Waldheim and his Austrian counterpart Alois Mock on regional and international matters, the Saudi Press Agency said.

Bahraini Amir stresses need to end Gulf war

MANAMA, June 6, (KUNA): Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, has affirmed the need to implement the UN Security Council resolution 598, which was passed last July stipulating a ceasefire to the Iraq-Iran war and peace talks, with all its items.

Sheikh Issa, in an interview with Press Trust News Agency and carried by the Gulf News Agency hailed Iraq's positive role in responding to the UN Security Council resolution, and with all mediation efforts, saying that Iraq many times expressed readiness to negotiate with Iran to reach a peaceful settlement to the war.

However, he called for further efforts to bring the war to an end according to the UN charter.

Regarding the Palestinian

cause, he said that it is the Arabs' strategic question, and the Gulf states are exerting all efforts to support it.

He urged the international community to find a suitable solution to help the Palestinian people exercise their legitimate right to self-determination.

In regard to the Palestinian popular uprising in the occupied territories, Sheikh Issa said that the Palestinian revolt is a natural reaction to the Zionists' suppressive actions.

He added that the uprising, that began last December, expedited the convening of peace conference under the UN auspices and with the participation of all parties concerned including the PLO, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

Higher Planning Council to discuss follow-up reports

FUAD Al Mulla Hussein, the secretary-general of the Higher Planning Council, has said that a meeting will be held next Tuesday where the council will discuss the follow-up reports of the second year (1986/87) of the Five-Year-Plan which include the comments and proposals of the committees about the plan as well as the proposals of the permanent committees about the draft state budget for the fiscal year 1988/89. These proposals will be referred to the Council of Ministers after approval.

Additionally, Al Mulla reported that a meeting had been held on Sunday for the economic and public policies committees of the council. The meeting heard the comments of a team of experts from Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology in the United States about the development of the Kuwaiti economy up to the year 2005. The meeting was also attended by experts from Kuwait University and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). Al Mulla added that the studies of these teams would form part of the basis upon which the coming Five-Year-Plan would be built after being approved by the Council of Ministers.

Aden minister ends Sofia visit

SOFIA, June 6, (KUNA): South Yemeni Minister of State Security and Politburo member of the ruling Socialist Party Saeed Salib ended a three-day working visit to Bulgaria yesterday, Bulgarian news agency reported today.

The Yemeni guest and the accompanying delegation held talks with Bulgarian Minister of Internal Affairs Stoyanov Dimitrov and Politburo member of the ruling Socialist Party Milko Balif and senior Bulgarian officials, the agency added.

Both sides emphasised the need to strengthen bilateral ties. "Secretary-General" of Democratic Yemen's Socialist Party Ali Salim Al Balah yesterday visited Sofia.

NIS scores 100 per cent results

THE New Indian School, Kuwait secured hundred per cent results in the All India Secondary School Examination. Eighty-four students secured first division marks with 16 obtaining over 75 per cent. A total of 133 distinctions were secured in all subjects. The top position was scored by a student who scored 98 per cent. The school was founded by the late NIS founder Mr. N. S. Varghese.

Sabah meets Khorafi

The Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Sabah Al Mubarak Al Jaber, met today with the Deputy Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Mr. Khorafi.

Office furniture market witnesses speedy recovery

THE office furniture and supplies market witnessed a speedy growth during the past few years, especially after a sharp drop during and after the period 1984. Working according to well established plans to gain an early footing in the market, a large number of companies and importers compete, primarily, with the government sector which is considered the most lucrative for local importers. This is so, because of the continuous growth of new projects requiring furnishings and office supplies.

Improved
In a survey conducted by a local daily at the office furniture and supplies market, it was reported that the private sector devotes special attention to furniture specifications due to the importance placed by the government on prices. There is a restriction on prices for government

establishments which are in keeping with their annual budgets. Private sector companies, in this field, consider "bidding by tender" to be a form of long-term investment.

Maintenance
A group of importers held the belief that the office furniture market had a brighter future than office equipments. However, they added, the maintenance clause caused a lot of competition among furnishing companies. Customers, usually, look for maintenance guarantees

and most tenders have this as mandatory.

Nafith Al Khafji, a typewriter agent, said customers could be divided into three groups, the first represented by ministries and government establishments where demand is highest for electric typewriters, the second, national share-holding companies, and the third, the private sector which is restricted by budgets and financial capabilities. He added, there are 16 local typewriter agents and prices range between KD200 to KD500 depending on the trade mark. He said "after-sales service" was an essential element in securing business. He estimated that 40 to 50 per cent of profits accrued from spare parts and maintenance contracts and consequently it was important that agents maintain technical facilities under the supervision of professionals.



● An Indian newspaper seller finds a novel way to ward off the heat in Dubai as temperatures reached 42°C (108°F). Preparing for even hotter days in the height of summer, he is wearing a parasol secured by a head-band. (Reuters wirephoto)

Women's team visits Faw, Salamchah

LOULUAH Al Qatami, head of the Women's Social and Cultural Society, said that the liberation of Faw and Salamchah by the Iraqi military forces were great victories for the whole Arab nation.

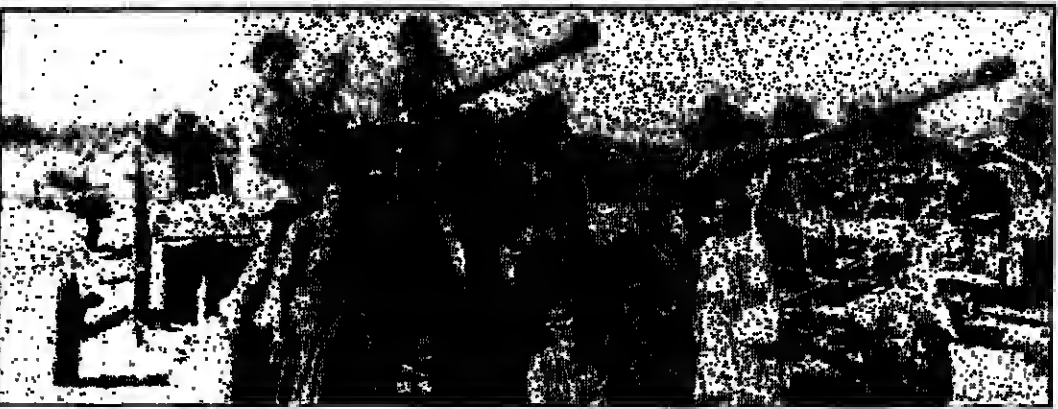
After a visit to the Faw and Salamchah sectors with a delega-

tion of Arab women, she stated that the Iraqi victories had marked a turning-point in the Iraq-Iran war.

Al Qatami headed a women's delegation from the society to the meeting of the general secretariat of the Arab Women's Union which was held in Baghdad

recently.

The delegation visited the spoils exhibition and the Army leadership headquarters, where it was received by military men and officers. Al Qatami added that the southern city of Basra seemed very secure after the victories.



The women's delegation at the spoils exhibition.

Secondary exams results next Sunday

THE Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari in an interview with a local daily was quoted as saying the results of the secondary school certificate exams will be handed over to school principals immediately after the announcement expected on or before next Sunday.

He called on students to con-

tact their respective schools to obtain their results, adding, the ministry had made arrangements to facilitate delivery of the results to educational areas and the adult educational department.

On summer activities, he said the ministry had set-up 42 summer clubs for boys and girls and have provided swimming pools — eight for boys and five for

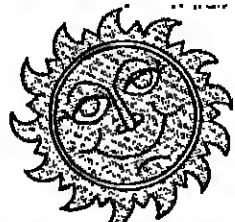
girls. In addition to the normal activities of the clubs, this year, the cultural activities included visits to several industrial plants and diwanis and be appealed to students to avail of the benefits from these activities.

Al Khodari lauded the special attention and assistance the Amir and HH the Crown Prince provided to these clubs.

Quadruplets born

A UAE woman gave birth to four babies yesterday at Twam hospital in Ein city. A source at the hospital said that the babies are in good health. All males, their weights range between 1.66 and 1.94 kilos. The delivery of the quadruplets by Caesarian section was completed in half an hour. The woman was put under direct medical supervision five months into her pregnancy after tests revealed the presence of the quadruplets.

The woman has five other children — three girls and two boys. This is the first case of a woman giving birth to quadruplets at Twam hospital since it was established seven years ago, but a woman gave birth to triplets there in 1982.



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Turkish delight

KUWAIT Cine Club Manager, Farouk Abdul Aziz, journeys through Turkey, capturing moments of its glory, past and present, on a film, named "Merhaba" the 40-minute documentary throws light on the 2,000-year-old history of Turkey.

Reliving the history of Istanbul, once known as Constantinople, the camera rolls over architectural landmarks in that historical city.

Istanbul's "Covered Bazaar" brings to life the melange of crowds, a human stream of shoppers. Farouk describes it as "a living fresco and a fluctuating piece of mosaic."

Farouk's camera also captured Bursa, the capital of the Ottoman empire, lingering over some of the finest examples of Turkish calligraphy.

The first stop on the Silk Road, the Silk Bazaar, echoing the 15 century history, and economic importance still lives on.

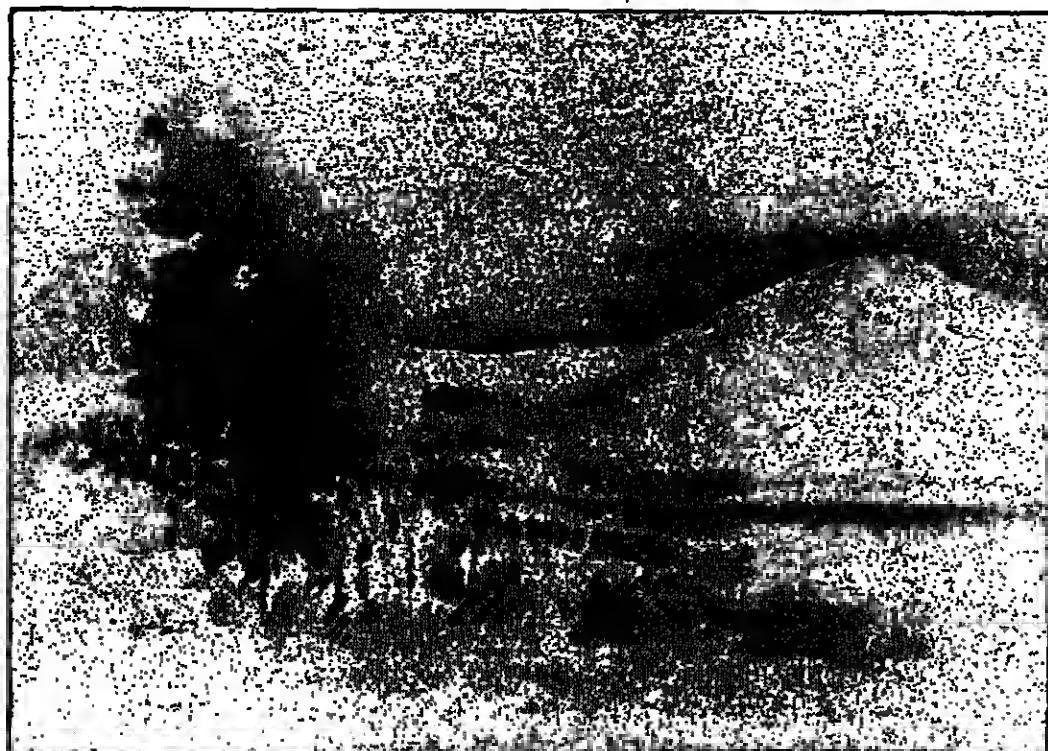
The 5th century monument, Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the world, and the Issa Bey Mosque, epitomise the spiritual heritage of the country.

The journey ends at Mount Olympic, the camera lingers at the volume and space of the mountain. The film depicts the "spirit, the land and the people of Turkey, capturing the nature, geography and history in a given space and time."

Merhaba, directed by Farouk, was made for the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism. It was shown at the Regency Palace Hotel on Sunday night. A large number of invitees, led by Mohammad Sannousi, chairman of the Kuwait Cine Club, attended the opening. A photo display on Turkey was also held to coincide with the festival. Artists Mohammad Al Hadidi, Ahmed Ghanim and Abdel Maboud displayed their works.



Sannousi (centre) flanked by Farouk Abdul Aziz and Syrian Ambassador Essa Derwish at the Merhaba Night.



A Turkish landscape by Abdel Maboud.



Cameraman Michael Miles framing a facade in Ephesus.

BBC highlights

A look at political humour

A DOCTOR, an engineer and a politician were discussing which of their professions came first. The doctor reminded them of bow Eve was created from Adam's rib, clearly an example of surgery. The engineer replied that the creation of the world from chaos was obviously a great feat of engineering. "Ab," said the politician, "What about the chaos—who do you think was responsible for that?"

Scepticism about politicians is one of the greatest unifying factors of humanity. A sense of humour is another. So political humour is a universal pastime and one that bridges a lot of divides between nations. But the form, style and importance of political humour varies in each country. Where politics are relatively peaceful, and don't matter deeply to people, there seems to be little political humour. There are also countries which have a reputation for lacking a sense of humour, immortalised in Mark Twain's phrase "A German joke is no laughing matter." Political humour can also be a barometer of change; jokes are said to have flourished in Nazi-controlled Norway and Denmark, and more recently to have diminished in Poland during the time of Solidarity.

Even in remote Tibet it seems that humour is in use as some small revenge against Chinese occupation. The actor Robert Barnett found on a recent visit that Tibetans cleverly manipulated Chinese prejudice and ignorance of the Tibetan language, for instance by teaching Chinese tourist guides the Tibetan for "Can I make love to you?" which the Chinese believed to be a request for permission to take photographs.

In six 15-minute programmes, The Politics of Laughter, BBC World Service, will sketch some of the salient features of political humour around the world. One reason for the appeal of political humour, even the most bitter jokes, however distant, is an image of something better.

"How did the poet Mayakovsky die?"

"Suicide."

"What were his last words?"

"Don't shoot, comrades!"

George Orwell called political jokes "tiny revolutions." But are they weapons or safety valves? Tim Grout-Smith finds out in BBC's The Politics of Laughter, on Mondays 2315 hrs, Wednesdays 1515 hrs and Fridays 0530 hrs (all times GMT).



Filipino flavour

THE Minister-Counsellor of the Philippines Embassy, Fortunato D. Oblena, on Saturday opened the Filipino fiesta at the Meridien Hotel. Filipino food, songs and music are the highlights of the weeklong promotion, ending on June 9. A photograph exhibition of Filipinos in Kuwait is also being held. Above: Oblena (left) with Meridien's General Manager, Andreas Matzmueller (second right) and Public Relations Manager, Yusuf Ghabra (right) and other guests. Right: local performers present a folk dance.



WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushahri Gallery
Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodancovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., Salamiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm; until June 9.

CINEMA

British Council
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at the British Council at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 am on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is just an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approximate duration: 145 minutes.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society
The Society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

KLT

KLT's musical Brigadoon will be performed at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets — KD3; children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Youth Association

A musabara will be held on June 9 at the home of Asim Naushad in Salamiya. The former counsellor of Pakistan to Kuwait, Abdul Haque, will preside. Chief guests are Ustad Qasim Amrohi and Ghulam Wafa Sabri. For details phone 2410997.

Saez aur Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 after 5 pm.

NRI Meeting

The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funitees, on June 7, 7.45 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A contributory dinner will follow.

Kuwait Players Ball
Kuwait Players' "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

Bangladeshi Cultural Show

A well-known female magician, Ajra Jabeen, from Bangladesh is due to perform in Kuwait later this month. Jabeen will be accompanied by well-known Bangladeshi singers Fakir Alamgir, Farida Farveen and others. The colourful cultural evenings will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on June 22 and 23. They will perform at Jeeb Al Shiyook Cinema on June 23. Fahadhel Cinema on June 24, Jahra Cinema on June 26. For reservations phone 4717700 or contact the hotel.

Eid Reunion

An eid reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Mesilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Belle '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Badesik Re-union

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid reunion and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridien's Banquet Hall. All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Altaf Rahman — 9015166; Anwar Ali — 4571603.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macanimbang — Tel: 4843447.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
- 10.15 Sbaqqah Bidoun Saqaf: Arabic serial, starring Tabiya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz.
- 11.00 News/Good Morning
- 11.15 Illa Abi wa Ammi Ma'a Tahiya: Arabic serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahd.
- 12.15 Silver Spoons
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs
- 2.30 Bahloul: ep. 4, starring Fadiya Khatab, Assam Sulaiman.
- 3.35 Cartoon Serial
- 4.00 World News via Satellite
- 4.20 Jeeran Al Hina: Arabic serial, starring Afaf Sbaib, Yunus Sbalabim, Ahmad Maber, Sahar Rami.
- 6.00 Cartoons
- 7.00 Summer 1988
- 7.15 World About Us
- 8.15 Hadeeth Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial, with Noora, Salab Saadani, Khalid Zaki.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Riffat Al Hijjan: Arabic serial, featuring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra.
- 10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durraya Sharaf al din, Suhail Ilyas.
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown



Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepherd in Moonlighting, 8.40 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 6.30 Punky Brewster: continues with the story of Punky's adoption, which falls through due to Henry's illness. Punky has been taken in a girls' home. Will Henry get her back?
- 7.00 The Natural World: "Bats Need Friends."
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Moonlighting: "Fatal Attraction." David joins a club. All his friends are concerned about the reason for David's sudden interest in social activities.
- 9.30 Gimme a Break: "Neil Goes Back to New York." There is

more comedy with Neil Carter.

10.00 Twilight Zone: "Sydney Penny." An opera singer wants the blessing of someone special to succeed in her career.

10.30 Feature Film: "Mr Inside and Mr Outside." Starring: Tony La Bianca, Paul Benjamin, Hal Linden. William Graham. Atmospheric crime drama with two New York City policemen working to foil diamond smugglers. Average 1973 Made-for-TV movie.

12.30 News Summary

12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Music of the Royal Court (ex 28th 200 Years of Music in Australia)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 Talk (inc 7th This Particular Place)
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 7th and 14th Network UK: 21st and 28th Sportsworld
- 30 Pomp and Ceremony (ex 7th Sports International: 28th To Be a Pilgrim)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 A Schubert Anthology
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Salamiya
Eat the Rich
Starring: Roland Allen

Al Hamra
Killer Fish
Starring: Lee Majors, Karen Black

Drive-In
Aad Liyantaqam (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Imaan

Al Firdous
Himmat aur Mehnat (Hindi)
Starring: Jeetendra, Sridevi

Fahadhel Open-Air
Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)

Al Fahadhel
Let's Get Harry

Al Jahra
Deedar (Hindi)

Granada
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Thought for today

"IMPOSSIBLE" is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

OPINION

Give PLO a free hand

THE extraordinary Arab summit due to start in Algiers today, will focus on the Palestinian uprising and developing ways and means towards its support. Those following the events of the uprising would undoubtedly notice its main theme — make Israel realise the Palestinian people are not dead and still very much alive to the cause.

If time has elapsed, this has only increased their determination to continue to work towards achieving their own independent state. For this to come about, the Palestinians must have a representative to negotiate on their behalf.

In 1948, when Palestine was occupied and Israel established, the Arab world deceived the Palestinian people by asking them to sit in their tents till the Arabs restored Palestine instead of immediately assisting the Palestinians to liberate their own land. After 40 years of waiting for the Arabs to awake from their slumber, the Palestinians have decided to make it on their own.

Today, we should not repeat the catastrophe of 1948. The Palestinians do have a recognised organisation — the PLO. If this organisation requires an Arab national cover or support, the Arabs should affirm this at the summit and provide the PLO with a free hand to select the methodology for restoring their legitimate rights: including if they deem fit, accepting the UN Security Council resolution 242 which is the main obstacle between the PLO and the USA and the only pretext Israel uses to delay granting Palestinians their inalienable rights.

The US and Israel query why the PLO does not recognise the UN Security Council resolution 242. We say — let the PLO recognise this resolution if it would lead to holding an international peace conference and consequently the restoration of Palestinian rights.

Israel, on the other hand, is reluctant to accede to the restoration of full Palestinian rights knowing fully well that it is backed by the big powers and will insist on remaining in occupied Palestine on one pretext or another — until God wills it to depart.

The PLO has been nominated and accepted as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and is professionally capable of dealing with the issues at hand and Arabs should allow it to do so including providing an Arab national umbrella.

The PLO must be permitted to take whatever course of actions it deems appropriate and the Arabs who have been accustomed to dilly-dally with the Palestinian question should remain silent — if not providing their support. They must stop embarrassing the PLO by harping on bogus patriotic themes aimed only at selfish issues having no bearing on the Palestinian cause. We should not see any leader at the summit acting in a manner that would indicate he is the only protector of Palestine.

We eagerly await the results of the Algiers summit, and would not like to witness the likes of the Khartoum summit of 1967 and its three "Nos", or the results of the meeting of 1948 with its broken and unfulfilled promises.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Noriega's trouble shaking Panama

By Katherine King

PANAMA CITY, (Reuters): A year ago yesterday a retired Panamanian colonel publicly accused military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega of drug trafficking, corruption and political murder.

Most Panamanians had already heard rumours of those charges, but their airing by Colonel Roberto Diaz Herrera, Noriega's former second in command, sparked a year of upheaval in this small but strategic nation and profoundly shook an important US ally.

"I don't think anyone really believed the protests or the anti-Noriega movement sparked by the charges would last," said one diplomat.

"I remember thinking, 'I wonder if they'll continue through the weekend'."

But protests grew and the United States joined the calls for Noriega, a former ally, to step down, increasing pressure with economic and political sanctions as the year went on.

Failed

The moves have failed in their goal of ousting Noriega, who is stronger and more confident than ever.

But they have succeeded in wrecking Panama's economy, dividing and discouraging its already weak and passive opposition, and leaving US policy here in embarrassing disarray.

Panama was a prosperous international financial centre and close US ally as home to some 12,000 American troops based here and the US-operated Panama Canal.

After a year of political unrest it is a country with an economy in ruin, society polarised, press and political freedoms restricted and two competing presidents. One,

Eric Arturo Delvalle, is in hiding. The other, Manuel Solis Palma, is not recognised by Washington.

Colonel Diaz Herrera is now in exile in Venezuela, virtually forgotten here, but the crisis he unleashed is going strong.

Leaving

The Panamanian middle class has been leaving the country and dropping out of the battle, expressing resignation with a system of military control over the civilian government they say they cannot change.

But Noriega supporters say the crisis has a silver lining for Panama, too long dependent on the United States.

Noriega tells rallies Panamanians are "no longer afraid of the colossus to the north," and have learned they can survive without the patronage of Washington. The general's supporters portray him as the champion of the Latin American battle against US "imperialism."

For the United States, the policy failure in Panama has not just been a political disaster, but has also affected its strategic military command headquarters here.

US military sources say that official relations with the Panama Defence Forces "are about zero," despite the fact that the command headquarters for the two armies are less than a mile away from each other.

That has affected US military training, one source said, because scheduled joint exercises have been cancelled.

Other training exercises have been cut back so as "not to give the wrong signals," the source said.

While most military and diplomatic officials here agree it would be unlikely the United States would take any military action against Noriega.

By Michael Goldsmith

ALGIERS, Algeria, (AP): The leaders of all Arab nations except Egypt meet here today to express their joint support for the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It is the first time the nations have jointly taken such an action.

The uprising is the only item formally on the agenda of the three-day summit that opens today under the chairmanship of Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid. But Algerian officials and Arab diplomats said several other key problems confronting the nations will be discussed on the sidelines.

Agree

These include the current Middle East peace mission of US Secretary of State George Shultz, the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East, the Gulf war, the fighting in Lebanon and the possible return of Egypt to the Arab League.

Algerian officials said Bendjedid convened the special summit explicitly to bring the full weight of the Arab nations

behind the Palestinian uprising, and, as chairman of the meeting, he intends to keep the attention of the summit on that subject.

As a result of manifold inter-Arab differences, the Arab leaders were unable to agree on holding an earlier summit on the Palestinian uprising.

Several of these conflicts have been resolved in recent months, clearing the way for Bendjedid to convene the Arab leaders to the first summit meeting to be held in Algiers since the leaders of the non-aligned nations met here in 1973.

Attitude

During the last Arab summit held in Amman, Jordan, in November, Arab leaders agreed to allow any Arab state to resume relations with Egypt.

Relations between the Arab League and Egypt were broken in 1979 following the Camp David peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

All but four Arab nations — Algeria, Libya, Syria and Lebanon — have restored diplomatic links with Egypt, the largest and most powerful Arab country. The four headline

nations continue to block Egypt's return to the Arab League.

Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Jordan are among those expected to raise the issue of Egyptian membership in private talks at the summit. The firm attitude of the four hardliners suggests that no immediate decision is likely.

Ties

Several Arab states have suggested a revision of the Arab League charter to introduce majority rule on all decisions. At present, a single veto can block action.

Arab diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said such a charter revision would remove all obstacles to the return of Egypt to the Arab League. Sources added, however, that the change was not likely to be approved at the upcoming meeting.

The official Algerian News Agency said the Algiers summit would mark a "historic turning point" in the Middle East conflict because of a new spirit of Arab solidarity and the recent rapprochement of several longstanding "brother enemies" in

the Arab ranks.

Among the recent strengthening of ties is the restoration of diplomatic and "fraternal" links between Algeria and Morocco after a bitter 12-year confrontation over the Western Sahara, the restoration of diplomatic ties between Libya and Tunisia after a two-year break, the reconciliation of North and South Yemen and the virtual reconciliation of Syria with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Message

On a tour of the Gulf states last week, Arafat stressed that he expected the Arab leaders to agree on a substantial increase in their financial, material, political and moral support to what he calls "the stone-throwing revolution" in the occupied territories.

Arafat is participating in the summit as a full-ranking chief of state.

Speaking in Abu Dhabi, Arafat denied the uprising had subsided.

The summit was not expected to express any optimism about Shultz's new peace mission. The Algerian News Agency, undoub-

tly expressing the views of Bendjedid, said the shuttle was "doomed to failure." Arafat, Libya's Moammar Khaddafi and Syrian President Hafez Assad also scorned the mission.

A summit endorsement of the Soviet version of an international peace conference — with full PLO participation — was expected in the wake of a personal message to Bendjedid from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov brought the message on Saturday with an account of the Moscow summit meeting last week between Gorbachev and US President Ronald Reagan.

Meeting

Vorontsov told Algerian reporters that the Soviet leader reiterated to Reagan "the need to put an end to the Israeli presence in the occupied territories."

At the Moscow summit, Gorbachev and Reagan both advocated a Middle East peace conference, but disagreed sharply over whether the PLO should have a role in it.

During or immediately after

the summit, the leaders of the five Arab North African nations were due to hold a separate meeting to consolidate their recent reconciliation. The group consists of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya. Its creation will mark Khaddafi's gradual return to international credibility.

Morocco's King Hassan II, who has not set foot in Algeria since the start of the Sahara conflict in 1975, is planning a spectacular return to Algiers. The King is expected in Algiers harbour in a chartered luxury liner with a retinue of 500 persons.

Hundreds of workers have been busy for several days cleaning up and repainting the harbour area where Bendjedid will formally welcome the Moroccan monarch.

The Sahara dispute — aroused by Algerian support for the Polisario Independence Movement in the Moroccan-annexed Western Sahara — remains unresolved. But Arab diplomats said the Algerian-Moroccan reconciliation and the forthcoming summit have combined to "relegate it to the back of the stage."

Arab summit begins

Leaders to back Palestinian uprising



Dukakis lacks charisma, but eager to decide

BY Michael Posner

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): If Michael Dukakis makes it to the White House, the United States will have a leader described by associates as a decisive, well-read manager who regards government as a vehicle for problem solving.

The Massachusetts governor could move one step closer to his presidential goal today when he might clinch in the final four primaries the necessary 2,081 delegates to win the nomination as the Democratic candidate.

Polls say he will decisively defeat his lone, remaining challenger, black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, in the California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico primaries.

Training

"He likes to make decisions, it is not a responsibility he suffers with, he enjoys it," says a Harvard University professor who has worked closely with Dukakis at times and also given arms policy advice to both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Dukakis, who lacks foreign policy experience, has leaned heavily on academics and foreign

policy experts for advice in this area, according to aides who describe him as studious, an avid reader with intense interest in the ideas of others.

In addition, his associates say that his legal training and long political experience would probably make him a tough negotiator with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in any future summit.

But critics fault Dukakis as a bland technocrat with a tendency to get entangled in the mechanics of government.

Resisted

By all accounts, the 54-year-old governor lacks the avuncular charm and stirring speaking style of Ronald Reagan, the man he hopes to succeed.

Dukakis freely acknowledges that he lacks Reagan's flair, but he hopes to turn the distinctions to his advantage.

"After eight years of charisma, isn't it time we had some competence in the White House?" Dukakis asks.

He wins praise from friends and foes alike for the discipline to sew up his party's presidential nomination without adopting the ultra-liberal rhetoric that has haunted recent Democratic

nominees.

"He resisted the impulse to throw red meat to the Democratic left," says Republican strategist John Buckley. "He was circumspect in his rhetoric and that will help in the general election."

A fitness enthusiast, who has frequently run in the Boston marathon, Dukakis' political style is often compared to the slow and steady pace of a long distance runner.

And aides say he heavily enjoys the nuts and bolts details of policy-making.

Unlike Reagan, who seeks to avoid conflict and prefers short position papers with decision options from which he chooses, Dukakis savours internal debate.

"When we have briefing sessions, we sometimes try to stage arguments for him by having somebody there to pick a fight with him or by having two people fight with each other so he can witness agreement or disagreement between opposing points of view," says chief issues director Christopher Edley.

He is widely viewed as a cerebral, well-informed executive with an openness to innovative policies.

Dull

"He seems to learn best when he is interacting with a very smart person who is also very strong, somebody who will push him and press him, he enjoys being tested," Edley told Reuters.

What about people who find him dull?

"What you see is what you get," friends say of the unglamorous Dukakis, who buys his suits in a department store bargain basement.

Campaign manager Susan Estrich told Reuters that there would be no efforts to add sparkle to Dukakis' image.

"There is no one in this campaign who has ever suggested remaking Michael Dukakis... he knows who he is, where he's going," she told Reuters.

"One of the things we have going for us in this campaign is the sense that here is a man who is comfortable with who he is," she added.

In fact, the campaign hopes to contrast Dukakis' common man image with the patrician background of his presidential election rival, vice-president George Bush.

Red Army overrated by many in the West

Afghan war revealed key Soviet weaknesses

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Many of the soldiers had holes in their boots.

Knees and elbows showed through ragged uniforms.

Army vehicles ground to a halt for want of fuel, ammunition dumps blew up because explosives were ineptly stored, illness was rampant due to poor hygiene and skimpy medical care.

Major units proved so timid in battle that the enemy bled them in contempt.

This is the portrait drawn by US intelligence sources of a rival army in Afghanistan.

They say the performance demonstrated that the Soviet military has been overrated by many in the West.

The Russian style of command and leadership really stinks and the Soviet Army did not fight very well in Afghanistan," one Defence Department analyst told Reuters.

Withdrawing

"They kept running out of stuff in the field, their troops were running around ragged-assed, and (guerrilla) interdiction was not the sole factor. It was sheer administrative ineptitude in many cases."

The Kremlin began withdrawing more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan in May under an international pact after nine years fighting the US-backed mujahideen guerrillas. Moscow said some 14,000 Soviet troops were killed.

The Soviet aim was to prop up Kabul's Marxist government,

which US diplomats now predict will fall in a matter of months. The Kremlin, they say, has suffered a protracted and bitter defeat comparable to America's in Vietnam.

But the US Defence Department still conjures up a frightening image of Soviet military prowess as it seeks congressional funding for troops, tanks, jets and warships.

The just-released 1988 edition of the Pentagon booklet "Soviet Military Power" states:

"In this decade, no element has undergone more profound improvement than Soviet conventional forces... the Soviet ground forces have made remarkable strides in maintaining their offensive capability."

Weaknesses

But intelligence sources told Reuters that Afghanistan revealed basic Soviet Army weaknesses which cast doubt on its ability to fight very skillfully in any part of the world.

"It's dangerous because of the sheer size of it. But they sure as hell have significant problems, which I hope they don't address," the Pentagon analyst said.

Highly mobile motorised rifle divisions would play a key role in any Soviet drive into Western Europe, according to US military experts.

"The mujahideen were their best judges," said one official, referring to the motorised divisions.

"They thought these Soviet troops were a negligible opponent. They weren't aggressive, they didn't have much initiative, they didn't want to take chances, they tended to stick with their

vehicles all the time, and they were extremely dependent on fire support."

The official said Afghanistan showed Soviet officers were unimaginative and inflexible. They probably lacked the essential initiative to carry out Moscow's strategy of seizing Western Europe in a surprise attack if war seemed inevitable, he said.

Commando

Western military experts who have studied Soviet military literature said such a blitzkrieg — aimed at seizing NATO nuclear weapons before they could be unleashed — would be spearheaded by elite Soviet commando forces.

Such units performed better in Afghanistan than motorised rifle troops, but even the elites hit serious snags. They were at times defeated or fought to a standstill by the guerrillas and were plagued by misconduct, the experts said.

One elite commando battalion had the highest indiscipline rate of any Soviet unit in Afghanistan. In another, many officers were removed for chronic drunkenness.

Overall, according to a recent study for the US Army by the private Rand Corporation think tank, Soviet effectiveness was badly eroded by drug addiction, desertion, and "fragging" — the murder of officers and sergeants by their men.

The report, based on a study of Soviet military literature and interviews with 35 soldiers who had served in Afghanistan before coming to the West, estimated that half of the Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan had been regular drug users.

US-Soviet relations improved by summit, Americans believe

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Ronald Reagan came home on Friday to a nation optimistic that he moved US-Soviet relations to firmer ground at the Moscow summit.

But both liberals and conservatives expressed relief the talks did not propel the superpowers to a strategic arms treaty.

Reagan and Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev kept alive the prospect that a sweeping strategic pact could be finished before the president leaves office next January.

However, few, if any, US officials or independent analysts expect that to happen.

Myriad images that for years seemed impossible — avid anti-communist Gorbachev shaking hands in the Kremlin, walking in Red Square — dominated US television and newspapers most of this week.

Contact

As they watched the pomp and pageantry, Americans on the whole seemed satisfied there was reason for this fourth summit, despite little tangible accomplishment.

The popular view reflected on radio talk shows and in the press was that such top-level contact is an important feature of the new US-Soviet relationship that must endure after Reagan leaves office.

Anne Chan of the Committee

for National Security, an arms control group, said Reagan helped create a political climate that should make new weapons treaties easier to achieve.

It was really important that the President said all those good things he did about Mikhail Gorbachev," she said. "In arms control, perceptions are important. He certainly changed the perception of many Soviets about Americans."

Most analysts felt Gorbachev, under attack at home for domestic reforms and facing a crucial party conference later this month, was boosted politically by Reagan's visit.

Not all were happy with the summit and its atmospherics, however.

Nervous

Conservatives, for whom Reagan has long been a shining symbol, admitted grudgingly at the sight of the US president calling the Kremlin leader a friend and attributing human rights abuses to the government bureaucracy, not policy.

Even the liberal Washington Post was nervous. "It was exciting to have President Reagan in Moscow, but truth be told, it will be good to have him out," the paper confided.

It noted Reagan blamed rights abuses on the bureaucracy and concluded "he was becoming less an attentive observer than something of an uncritical booster of Soviet reform."

Less fazed was Warren

Everett, national security coordinator for High Frontier, a conservative group lobbying for "Star Wars." Reagan's partly space-based missile defence programme that Gorbachev opposes.

"I think that's good diplomacy," Everett said of Reagan's chummy ways with Gorbachev. "Obviously, to get concessions from enemies, you've got to be nice to them."

His group was worried Reagan would abandon "Star Wars" in order to complete a strategic pact — known as Start and halving long-range arsenals — at the summit.

But Reagan withstood Gorbachev's persistent pressure, Everett said.

The two leaders had wanted to cap the Moscow summit by signing the sweeping Start Treaty. But it was not finished, and the talks themselves made only modest progress, prompting Gorbachev at his closing news conference to lament the missed opportunity on arms control.

While calling the proposed pact a worthy goal, liberal and conservative analysts told Reuters it was far better to move slowly and deliberately on such a radical disarmament plan.

The first superpower arms treaty in a decade — scrapping medium-range missiles — was only given the final stamp of approval in Moscow. Most experts are eager to see how well the Russians abide by its rigorous provisions.

Tackling a colossal problem

The colossus of Rameses II is creating quite a stir during its journey through North America.

Everywhere this 57-ton statue goes, major adjustments have to be made:

In Memphis, tiles had to be removed from the Memphis Convention Centre's ceiling.

In Boston, the Museum of Science had to build a separate temple with its own concrete foundation!

By Catherine Foster

BOSTON: There he stands, a tall, regal figure, with one plumpish leg slightly forward, holding what looks like a "heavy" weight, and apparently oblivious to the chip out of his nose. King Tut was a stripling compared with this guy.

This is the Colossus of Rameses II, the great Egyptian leader, and he's had quite a journey getting to the Museum of Science in Boston for the opening of the exhibit. (The exhibit runs through Aug. 30). He lay on his side for 3,000 years, in mud. But in the last few years, newly spirited up, he's been seen in Memphis, Tenn., and Denver by record-breaking crowds, some of which have been assigned a specific time by a computer to view him.

Now, nearing the end of his tour, this giant statue has his own temple to dwell in.

A little background on our hero. Rameses ruled an area as far south as modern Sudan to northern Syria from 1279 to 1213 B.C. He was a fierce warrior and Egypt's last great pharaoh. Some scholars think he is the pharaoh of the biblical Exodus. He had 100 wives (including one of his daughters) and sired about 90 children. Called the greatest ruler of his time, he erected monuments, temples, and statues during his 66-year reign. This 25-foot-tall statue, called the Colossus of Memphis, was carved from granite.

The Colossus was found in 1962 by workmen in Memphis, Egypt, who were digging a foundation for a restaurant. But lack of funds prevented restoration until 1985, when the city of Memphis, Tenn.,



A silver vessel with goat handle and rim hammered out of sheet gold is part of the Rameses II exhibit.

and the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, with funding from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, joined in a cooperative venture to restore the massive statue for exhibition in the United States.

The Colossus was out in great shape when it was found. So 30 conservators worked 16 hours a day for eight months filling in missing parts with powdered granite, poured concrete, and steel rods. Steel pins were added for stability and strength. Then they disassembled the statue into three parts for easier moving, which were packed into three padded crates and placed in a steel case to cross the Atlantic. Since 1987, the Colossus has been on the road.

Throughout Rameses' visit to North America, he has received careful treatment, traveling in the middle of the night in a convoy of flatbed trucks and unmarked cars. Security is tight: Egyptian government officials accompany the exhibit. Lloyd's of London insured it for a top-secret sum. Boston, brought

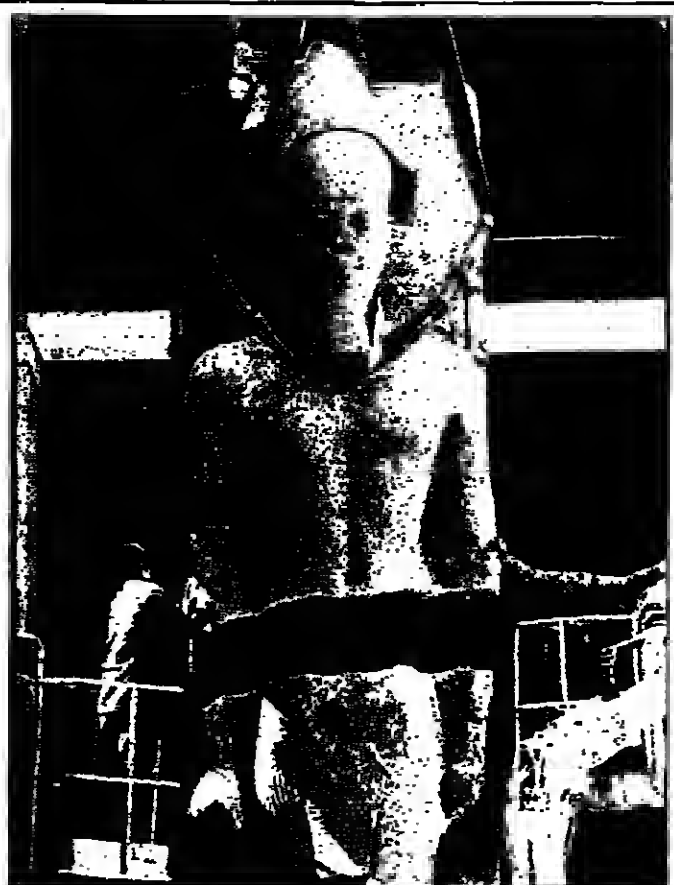
out a SWAT team and bomb dogs for the first day of the installation.

Everywhere this 57-ton statue goes, major adjustments have to be made. In Memphis, tiles had to be removed from the Memphis Convention Centre's ceiling.

"We came within inches of not being able to show it," says Rita Freed, director of the Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology at Memphis State University and curator of the exhibition. In Boston, the Museum of Science had to build a separate temple with its own concrete foundation because the museum, built on landfill, couldn't support the weight. The three sections of the Colossus were hoisted from their flatbed trucks high into the air by a telescopic, hydraulic crane, then lowered through an opening in the roof of the temple.

An eager cluster of museum employees, workmen, and reporters waited for two days for the uncrating and assembling to be completed. Rain drowned out any action the first day. Early the next day, the crane lifted the heaviest section, the base of the statue and the feet. Then came the midsection, which had to be lifted a bit, turned into position, then installed precisely on top of the first piece.

Finally, as the last and tallest section soared over a now-clear Boston sky and as slowly inched into place, the crowd broke into applause. It was an astonishing feat of technology. "This is state-of-the-art equipment, but it uses the same principles of applied physics that the Egyptians used: levers, weights and pulleys, fulcrums, the wheel," says Jack Shaughnessy, a vice-president of



The torso of the ancient Egyptian King Rameses II, lowered gently into place at the Museum of Science in Boston, USA.

Shaughnessy & Ahearn, a local crane company in charge of installing the Colossus.

The Egyptians required thousands of men to do what this computer-operated equipment can do with two. And with much more finesse: The equipment is so precise that it can lower a hook 1/16th of an inch — "enough to pin a fly to a wall without crushing it," says Mr. Shaughnessy.

Now that the Colossus is in place, one can imagine him looking right into the Museum of Science, where the rest of the exhibit is installed. He's traveling in glorious company: an exhibition of 70 artifacts from the Golden Age of Egypt, including a 19-pound golden collar that could only be worn by a king, god, or war hero; the intricately carved coffin lid from Rameses II; a miniature chest for jewelry, cosmetics, and edibles; and a gold and silver vessel with a goat hanging off the side as a handle.

These artifacts had their own tour — Paris; Montreal; Vancouver, British Columbia; Provo, Utah; Jacksonville, Fla. — before hooking up with the

Colossus in Memphis.

"This exhibit is not only about the King," says Dr. Freed. "It sheds light on daily life, international affairs, administration, religion, and includes some of the finest art ever produced at the time."

In addition to viewing the treasures, the museum is also providing educational aids: a mummy doll that can be taken apart; a play called "Grotto of Purity," spun from the scant knowledge about the private lives of Rameses and his family; and a recorded audio tour for children, narrated by Shari Lewis.

This world-renowned master statesman has managed to pull together many diverse people for his tour. Egyptian curators, a French exhibition crew, and Irish riggers from south Boston all worked together to pull it off. He's driving a varied crowd of oglers, too. In Denver, "hikers rubbed shoulders with BMW owners," says Dana Wilson, the museum's marketing director. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

Exhibit reveals Parisian influence on Van Gogh

By Simon Haydon

PARIS, (Reuter): Vincent Van Gogh lived in Paris for just two years, but an exhibition of the work he did here shows the period was a vital launching pad that turned into an unrivaled master of colour and light.

From 1886 to 1888, Van Gogh sat at the feet of the French masters, soaking up their style on the boulevards of Bohemian Paris before leaving for the south of France.

There his genius flowered, but his mental state became increasingly troubled.

Van Gogh killed himself less than two years later, but produced the best works of his career from the southern French town of Arles. These works, which he could not give away at the time, today fetch world record prices.

His genius has been endlessly analysed, but the exhibition, Van Gogh in Paris, shows clearly how the Dutchman selected the best of several schools of art to develop a unique style.

The show, in a basement of the massive Musee D'Orsay, has been one of the most popular in Paris for many years, and lengthy queues form every day.

The exhibition, conceived by Toronto University Professor Bogomila Welsh-Ovecharov, reveals the metamorphosis of Van Gogh's work from dark pictures of Dutch peasant life, to paintings which have become the most sought after in the world.

It juxtaposes Van Gogh's work with that of his contemporaries, showing how the young artist exploited the dynamic artistic scene in Paris. At the time, impressionism had been accepted by the art establishment, novelists like Emile Zola were in full swing and Paris was the most fashionable city in the world.

Recoir, Monet, Manet, Degas were the talk of the town, although Van Gogh always stayed on the fringes of the Parisian art world. Even the masters failed to appreciate the budding talent in their midst.

Van Gogh arrived in Paris in March 1886 and his first work was a sombre self-portrait owing more to his compatriot Rembrandt than to the airy style of the impressionists.

He painted 25 self-portraits during his two years in Paris, their styles ranging enormously, but the exhibition catalogue indicates that poverty — being unable to pay models — rather than any psychological obsession with his own character was behind the interest in self-portraits.

One is a straightforward view using monochrome blue, while the second dabbles with the scientific 'dotting' style of pointillism made famous by Seurat.

Van Gogh learned to add the broad brush strokes of impressionism and the pointed neo-impressionist style to the realistic style he learned assiduously at home in the Netherlands.

Another influence in Paris was the painter's fortunate clash with Japanese art, when his art-dealer brother Theo introduced him to Japanese tissue paper designs.

Among Van Gogh's biggest fans today are the Japanese, who see touches of home in works like 'Irises' and 'Sunflowers,' which have both sold for world record prices in the past year.

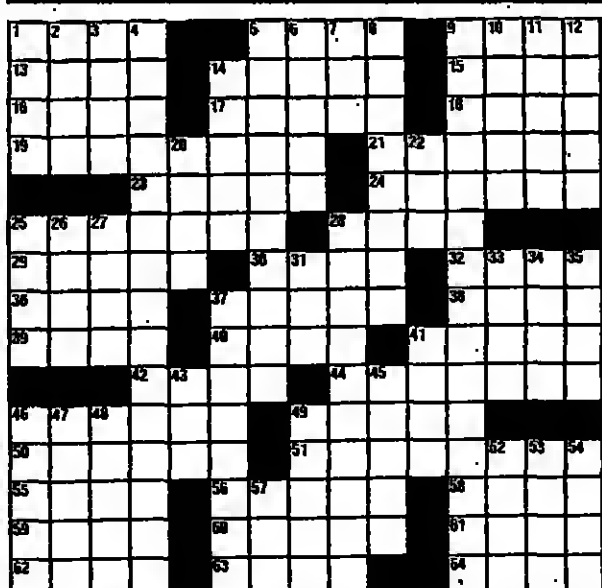
His style changes gradually: One wall shows five paintings of factory chimneys in Paris where his work bears a startling resemblance to those hanging alongside by Pissarro and post-impressionist Georges Seurat.

His style changes gradually:



Van Gogh's self-portrait 1886, at the start of his two unhappy years in Paris.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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For a deceptive play to work, you must do it smoothly. If you hesitate for even a fraction of a second, you give away the position completely. We do not know the name of the defender who brought off the coup on today's hand, but whoever he is, we want him to accept this column as our tribute.

The auction was interesting.



"Get down, Robert. Remember you're an accountant."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You will have some good ideas but they may not all be applicable. And others will not be convinced that your ideas are the right ones. Never mind, your time will come. Be sensible.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You should not allow yourself to feel guilty about something you cannot help. Today you will be rather irritable and should try to do something about it. A good opportunity may well pass you by. Be more patient.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will tire rather easily and should concentrate your efforts on what has to be done. You will feel in good form but you are too liable to trust people too soon. You should try to think a little more constructively. Be less impatient.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
This is going to be a rather busy and a most tiring day. Conserve your energies and avoid wasting time. And keep your wits very much about you. Be a little more inventive.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You should not take any undue risks just now. Make sure you concentrate hard on what you are doing. This is going to be an interesting day for you. Be quick about it.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You will have something to be really pleased about. However you should not allow it to go to your head. You should try not to become involved in something that does not really concern you. Be fair.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Your intuitive powers will be at their height but you must still remember to let reason have the last word. You will be able to show others a good example. You should listen more to others less to the sound of your own voice. Be wary.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You should not be offended quite so easily. Others do not mean all they seem to be saying. You should consider an offer or proposal most carefully and dispassionately.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will feel a little left out of things. Never mind things will change soon. You should make sure you do not lose touch with an old friend. Be less cocksure.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
You should not dwell too much on the past. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity only you must not try for too much.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You will be able to solve a problem that has dogged you for some time past. You will be able to make good and rapid progress. Take a look at the matter at hand from another point of view.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You will be able to deal with a difficulty that has been dogging you. You should not jump to conclusions nor act on the spur of the moment.

WOMEN

From shy Di to the keep-fit princess

The secret of Diana's super shape

With countless banquets, official openings and dinners to attend, it seems a miracle that Princess Diana can stay so slim and beautiful. But out of her dynasty-style shoulder pads, there is another side to Di — the keep-fit princess, who swims, jogs, plays tennis and dances.

By Alex Molloy

SHE is young, beautiful, rich and famous. She is also the mother of two young sons and leads the sort of hectic lifestyle that would make many others crack under the pressure. Then of course she has the added responsibility of being the future Queen of England.

But Britain's dazzling Princess Diana has never let any of the pressures of her "job" get on top of her. She's gone from shy Di, then Dynasty Diana ... to her present role of Dynamic Diana — the keep fit princess. For today she is determined to preserve her English Rose looks and model girl figure that captured the hearts of royalty and commoners alike with vigorous exercise.

Since her marriage to Prince Charles in the summer of 1981, the blue-blooded beauty has blossomed from a slightly plump teenager to a perfect slimline woman. And all over the world people are asking: "How does she do it?"

The answer is simple. The Princess forces herself to take regular exercise and firmly stops herself from indulging in her love of chocolate and sweets. Instead of eating the naughty things that pile on the pounds, Diana's favourite snack is healthy fresh fruit. Top of her DON'T EAT list are fattening foods such as potatoes, pork, lamb and alcohol.

But the real secret of Di's princess perfect looks is exercise. She believes it is necessary for not only a healthy body, but a healthy mind, too.

School diving champion at 16, Diana still enjoys her

favourite sport and is regularly seen taking an early morning dip in the swimming pools at Highgrove House and Buckingham Palace.

Whilst on holiday in Majorca as a guest of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain, she impressed all who witnessed her spectacular dives from the side of the Spanish royal yacht Fortuna. Clad in the most revealing of bikinis, the superbly shaped princess dived again and again into the Mediterranean while other members of the royal party, including Prince Charles, watched from the sidelines.

Apart from swimming, Diana is also well-known for her love of dancing. Part of her exercise programme includes hours of strenuous dance routines to keep the royal legs in tip-top condition.

Fun Diana has proved that exercise can be fun. She has combined her favourite pastimes to beat the battle of the bulge. She once admitted that she had dreamed of becoming a professional dancer.

Miss Lily Snipp, who took the Princess of Wales for private dance classes in 1985 revealed: "I am sure that if she had not been so tall she would have become a professional dancer."

"She lived for the ballet and was completely dedicated. Sometimes I would arrive at the palace and she would be very tired after an evening of shaking hands with people at all kinds of functions."

"She said that her lessons helped to get her away from the pressure of being a member of the royal family and the days



The princess forces herself to exercise regularly and firmly stops indulging in her love of chocolates and sweets.

she found she was the most relaxed and had the happiest time when I arrived to give her a lesson."

In the early days of her marriage, Princess Di was reported to have roller-skated around Buckingham Palace dressed in trendy pedal pushers listening to pop music on her Walkman.

But these days she has given up her skates for trainers and started to jog through the fields around her country home, Highgrove House.

Witnesses have revealed: "The Princess sometimes goes jogging bright and early, she smiles broadly and runs for about one and a half miles. She

really looks fit and flies past, her legs are wonderful and to look at her, it just does not seem possible that she has given birth to two children. She glows with inner health and always looks very trendy in her shorts and her track suit top."

And after the birth of Prince William in 1982, there were no tears or baby blues for Princess Diana. It was straight into seclusion to do Jane Fonda's Work Out. Soon the young mum emerged looking as slim and svelte as ever.

At the time of the transformation, the Queen's Press Secretary, John Haslam said: "Suggestions that she has the slimmer's disease anorexia nervosa could not be further from the truth. She is the picture of health."

"She just wants to look her best in clothes and that means being slim."

"Within days of the birth, she went to Highgrove and began the Jane Fonda Workout. She worked very hard at it, and having achieved her goal, all she wants now is to stay slim. She tends to put on weight easily so she has to be careful."

Among the punishing exercises Di tackled were these: sitting on the floor, so that her spine was straight and her legs together, then grating her toes, her ankles or her heels and flexing her feet so that her heels were lifted off the ground. Then pulling her torso down over her legs as far as she could go and holding that position for the count of ten. This particular exercise is known as the Killer Stretch.

But she also did countless sit-ups, scissor kicks and the alarmingly named Spine Stretch. Di would not give up until she looked just how she wanted to. Then, when Prince Harry was born, Di seemed to lose more weight than was good for her. She seemed constantly down in the dumps and was near collapse at several official engagements.

But Super-Di picked herself up and once more became the girl that every woman envied. She began to dance again and was soon looking as gorgeous as ever.

At a dinner held for the royal couple by American President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, Diana was seen whizzing around the dance floor with the likes of heart-throb actor John Travolta and superstar Clint Eastwood.

After dancing with Di, John Travolta admitted: "She was gorgeous, I was so proud to be able to dance with her." And John, who is famed for his disco-dancing skills said that Di was really good on the dance floor.

Most recently the Princess has taken up tennis at the exclusive Vanderbilt Tennis Club in Shepherds Bush, London — she plays there two mornings a week to practise her backhand and her serve.

She arrives at the club already dressed in her pretty pastel pink tennis kit and always drinks a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice before leaving. Close friends say: "The stamina that the Princess of Wales has built up is quite incredible, she is always exercising and she has remarkable energy."

Vanderbilt also holds regular keep-fit classes and Di often joins the 24-strong classes to work out to pop music.

A fellow club member revealed: "Charles Swallow, the owner of Vanderbilt has created such a friendly atmosphere that nobody is shy about joining in and letting go."

"Di, or Ma'am as we call her, obviously finds it great fun and is completely uninhibited at working out with us. She really throws herself into the classes with complete gusto."

And at Prince William's school sports day in the summer of last year, Di proved once again that she was game for a laugh. At the Richmond Athletics Ground, the future Queen was awarded with a certificate for entering and winning the Mother's Race. Onlookers watched stunned as the Princess sprinted to victory, her jacket off and her sleeves rolled up.

Prince Charles also entered the fathers categories but lost. Young Prince William failed to win his 60 yard sprint, but Di did not care and happily photographed her family with an instant camera.

The Princess had previously admitted that even though she failed all of her O'levels, she had always been a success at sport. "I was never any good at normal lessons," Di revealed. "I am as thick as two short planks with a brain the size of a pea. When ever I was stuck indoors I hated it. I always wanted to be outside."

The way she is going, Di will be the first ever Queen of England to rival Hollywood's leading ladies in the body beautiful stakes.



The princess has admitted that although she has failed all her 'O' levels, she had always been a success at sport.

By Lidia Wasowicz

SAN FRANCISCO, (UPI) — No longer the exclusive secret of youth of the rich and famous, cosmetic surgery is heading out of the closet into the mainstream middle class.

Refined techniques, advanced technology, more affordable prices, a growing active aging population and unabashed concern with image are pushing the once ostracised field toward the forefront of the medical profession.

In only two years, the number of Americans who were snipped, suctioned and stretched to beautify their appearance skyrocketed by more than 100,000: from 477,700 in 1984 to 590,550 in 1986, according to a survey of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Once the province of wealthy societies and aging screen stars, aesthetic plastic surgery — as it is officially termed by the profession — now also attracts middle-aged homemakers and middle-class office workers, many in their 30s and 40s.

The number of men seeking cosmetic surgery increased 35 per cent between 1985 and 1987, with professional image and job marketability cited as a main reason for smoothing creases or trimming jowls.

Last year, some 200,000 teenagers underwent a rhinoplasty to make their noses more attractive.

In 1986, 15,000 children between the ages of 5 and 7 underwent otolaryngology operations to correct prominent ears, plastic surgeons reported.

Affordability Part of the appeal lies in affordability: costs range from \$250 for removal of pock marks in 15 minutes in a doctor's office to \$10,000 for an extensive facelift that involves several hours of complex surgery in the hospital.

The number of plastic surgeons in the United States has shot up from 1,200 in the mid-1960s to the current 3,500, and that of qualified physicians who limit their practice to aesthetic improvement has doubled to 800 since 1983.

Doctors debate whether public enthusiasm has gone too far.

"We're seeing the renaissance man, eating healthy foods, jogging at 50 and having his eyebrows lifted. That's no different than enhancing yourself with designer clothes, jewelry or makeup," said Dr. Sam Hamra of Dallas.

"I hope people don't approach going to surgery as they would going to a boutique: it's much easier to take back a dress than a face," said Dr. Peter McKinney, professor of clinical surgery at Northwestern University in Chicago.

"Now that such surgery is within reach of the average person, it may come down to a choice between buying new furniture for the front room or having a facelift. I see nothing wrong with choosing the latter," said Dr. Norman Cole of Louisville.

Dr. Gaspar Anastasi of Boston cautioned: "We must not open the door to everyone. We should exclude smokers,

Image-conscious Americans resort to cosmetic surgery

A Mostly Risk-Free Procedure

More than 100,000 American men and women undergo blepharoplasty, or eyelid lifts, each year in order to look more rested and youthful. During this relatively risk-free procedure, the plastic surgeon removes excess fat, skin and stretched-out muscle.



1 Before surgery, excess skin on upper lid conceals eyelashes, fat pocket under lower lid gives the eye a tired, baggy look.



2 If both eyelids are "tuffed," usually under local anesthesia, the surgeon begins with the upper lid, then proceeds to the lower.



3 Carved/lifted in natural contour lines of the face, hairline scars from the incision should heal within two to three months.

anyone not in good health and people with unrealistic expectations."

"If a person asks me to 'make a little hole and suck up the fat from my legs (through a procedure called liposuction) so I can lose weight and go back to eating junk food,' I won't do it," said Anastasi, chief of plastic surgery at the Boston University Medical Center.

"If a young girl comes in with her mother, and I ask her why she wants her nose changed, and she looks at her mother for the answer, or if a woman comes in wanting bigger breasts to keep her husband at home, I won't operate."

Patient dissatisfaction and willingness to sue, coupled with the allure the \$250-million-a-year industry holds for charlatans, already have exacted a price: malpractice insurance rates for cosmetic

experience," said Dr. Simon Fredricks of Houston, who headed the study.

Improving one's looks surgically has never been easier. A number of quick procedures can be done on an outpatient basis and requires a short recovery period.

Top on the list for men are hair transplants.

Most popular among women is suction liposuction, introduced in the United States in 1982. The number of these operations aimed at removing unsightly hobs of fat has risen 80 per cent in the past three years.

Since only a few pounds can be safely removed, the procedure cannot help the seriously overweight. Best candidates are slim people with saddlebag thighs, love-handle hips, beer bellies, heavy buttocks and/or hunchy knees.

The once ostracised field is now in the forefront of the medical profession. Formerly the province of wealthy socialites and ageing screen stars, plastic surgery now attracts middle-aged homemakers and office workers.

surgeons have soared 400 per cent since 1976 — despite a 50 per cent increase in malpractice insurance rates reported in such operations performed by competent doctors.

"People expect unrealistic results, and when they don't get them, they sue," said Dr. Edward Trupman of North Miami Beach, Florida, citing one case of a man who went to court because the alteration of his nose failed to get him a job.

On the other hand, some complaints are legitimate. A five-year review of 100,000 cases showed 11 patients died and nine suffered serious injuries following cosmetic corrections.

"A large number of those deaths were the result of practitioners who did not have the necessary training and

Doctors make a small cut and insert a hollow, blunt-ended tube attached to a high-powered suction machine that vacuums out the fat. The procedure takes half an hour to three hours, depending on the number of problem areas, and costs from \$500 to \$4,000.

The facelift remains popular, with a price tag ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

"The facelift of today in no way resembles the facelift of 20 years ago and is but a blurred image of the facelift of 10 years ago," Fredricks said.

"We once only worked on the skin. Now, we have learned to treat the underlying musculature. Once, we divided the face into separate parts. Now, we can treat the whole area at one sitting, saving time and money."

Study shows natural childbirth possible after two Caesareans

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists told: 'The policy of twice a Caesarean always a Caesarean ought to be abandoned.'

BOSTON, (UPI) — Many women who have had two Caesarean sections can give birth to their next child without the surgery, a researcher said recently.

"The policy of twice a Caesarean always a Caesarean ought to be abandoned," Jeffrey P. Phelan of the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles told a meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In the largest study of its kind, Phelan compared two groups of about 500 women each who had had two previous Caesareans and either underwent another Caesarean or went through labour to deliver vaginally.

He found that about 70 per

cent of the women who were given the option of labour were able to give birth that way without causing any additional complications to the mother or child.

Caesarean sections involve surgically removing the baby from the womb through an incision in the abdomen instead of delivering the child through the natural birth canal. The procedure is done when problems occur during childbirth, but subject women to a variety of possible complications.

Despite numerous studies that have created an increasing awareness that women who have had at least one previous Caesarean can deliver vaginally, the rate of the operations in the United States has continued to

rise steadily in the past decade, Phelan said.

Only about 5 per cent to 10 per cent of women in the United States who previously had Caesareans gave birth to a second child vaginally, he said. For women who had two previous Caesareans, the percentage is closer to zero.

Phelan said he hoped that his study would convince more doctors to consider avoiding Caesarean sections. Based on his study, he estimated the Caesarean section rate in the United States could be reduced by about one-third.

The study involved women who delivered babies between July 1, 1982 and June 30, 1986 at the Los Angeles county/University of Southern California Medical Center.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM'DYSPEPSIA' MEANS
'BAD DIGESTION'

QUESTION: Medical terms always worry me, for they seem to be picked just to keep the patient in the dark. I think "dyspepsia" may be just such a term. What does the word "dyspepsia" really mean? Is it a condition that can be helped, and if so what is the treatment?

ANSWER: It may be confusing but it's not meant to hide anything from you. The term "dyspepsia" means "bad digestion." By definition, it relates to food or drink and their digestion, but digestion difficulties can be a symptom of more complex problems. Dyspepsia is a problem that plagues all of us from time to time, and some suffer it more often and more severely than the rest. If it is a constant problem that causes you severe discomfort, it needs attention.

But you and your physician are faced with a puzzling scenario when you have dyspepsia. The problem is so common, yet has so many variations, that it is hard to evaluate. Digestive discomfort can mean nothing more than overindulgence, or it can be the warning sign of ulcers, heart attack or gall bladder disease.

In light of the complex problems that can hide behind the upset stomach, your role as

patient and chief observer of the problem becomes really important. Know as much about your complaint as you can, so that you can help your doctor decide which investigative avenue to take. Total evaluation of all the possible causes of dyspepsia is expensive, uncomfortable and unnecessary, if the two of you work together to investigate the most likely causes first. Despite the best efforts of you and your physician, the cause of your dyspepsia may never be found. In this case, your doctor probably will recommend that you avoid the foods that cause your problems and treat the symptoms with an antacid or acid antagonist like cimetidine.

To help your doctor evaluate your problem, ask yourself the following questions. Keep a simple diary for awhile, so you can identify patterns of symptoms. Are your symptoms related to eating? Do the symptoms occur during eating, after eating, or before eating? Do certain foods trigger different symptoms? Exactly what are your symptoms? Are you nauseated; does the nausea progress to vomiting? Is there vomiting without nausea? Do you have pain?

Exactly where is it? Are there tender spots or is the pain vague and diffuse? Do you notice other symptoms that seem unrelated to your digestion? Have you had any weight gain or loss? Have you noticed any change in your bowel habits? Are your eating patterns changed? What emotions are you experiencing when you have digestive problems? Is there a family history of ulcers, gall bladder disease or other problems? What medicines are you taking? Do you drink alcohol or smoke?

Dyspepsia has been blamed for everything from bad marriages to decline of entire empires. Its sufferers support an entire industry of antacid manufacturers, and the only problem that keeps people away from work more often is the common cold. If you haven't suffered a bout of dyspepsia yet, you probably will someday. And though it may be unpleasant, it most likely will not be dangerous. However, the important thing to remember is that you should keep track of your symptoms and see your doctor if the problem is severe enough to interfere with your normal activities and good health.

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By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudi export refining capacity to rise

RIYADH, June 6, (Opecna): The Saudi export refining capacity will go up by 352,000 b/d this year with the coming on stream of the Rabigh refinery, according to statistics released here.

The report of the Saudi Monetary Agency (Sama) for the year ended August 1987 says the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic) projects made "enormous headway" during the year with sales increasing sharply from \$988 million to \$2.14 billion. Three-fourths of the Sabic sales were made abroad.

The Saudi GDP showed a growth of 4.7 per cent, thanks to an increase of more than 25 per cent in the oil sector's contribution.

The value of oil exports declined for the fifth consecutive year to \$13.62 billion, a slide of 40.4 per cent over the previous year despite a small rise in volume.

The national road network was expanded by 5,000 km, bringing the total to 59,226 km.

The annual cement production capacity rose to 12.6 million tonnes, while impressive strides were made in the field of health, social welfare and education.

The growth rate in the agricultural sector was 14 per cent, followed by electricity (10.5 per cent) and manufacturing (1.1 per cent).

One-stop service offered to NRIs

Investments in India made easy

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIA is in the midst of an economic upsurge, largely due to the government's increasing liberalisation, and the time is ripe for investment, said D. Basu, managing director of State Bank of India Capital Markets Ltd (SBI Cap).

Addressing a seminar on SBI Cap, which is a subsidiary of State Bank of India, he painted a rosy picture of the Indian economy saying it is in "robust health."

A five-man SBI Cap team, led by Basu, is in Kuwait to promote investment opportunities, particularly in the industrial sector.

Sales blitz
The sales blitz is part of SBI's attempt to push industrial technology and promote exports. SBI, at present, accounts for over 20 per cent of all commercial bank branches in India.

SBI believes that technology is becoming important for the survival of companies. While bigger industrial units know their needs, the medium and small scale clients need help to identify the right technology.

"We are offering one-stop service to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)," asserts Basu. The idea is to provide "project counselling" right from the start, including surveys, finding partners/promoters and financing. They

will help in selecting technical consultants, assist in overcoming bureaucratic hurdles, prepare working packages, and generally provide the back-up service that non-residents lack due to the distance factor.

Risen

Industrial production, claims Basu, has risen by nine per cent in 1987/88 and exports rose by 25 per cent. Consumer industries like food processing, polymers, automobile ancillaries and telecommunications are mushrooming. "There is a great demand for these products now," stressed Basu.

Liberal government policies have made industrial investments lucrative, for instance, the recent delicensing of industries for backward and non-backward areas. Under the new policy, announced on June 1, licences would not be required for setting up industries with an investment of up to Rs. 50 crores (Rs. 500 million) in backward areas and up to Rs. 15 crores (Rs. 150 million) in non-backward areas. Economists believe the policy would spread industrial growth in backward areas and ease unemployment.

To develop backward areas, growth centres have been set up in over 430 districts. Over the next five years, 100 such centres would be developed, complete with infrastructure such as



C. S. S. Khanpuri flanked by D. Basu and Parande at the SBI Cap seminar.

power, water, telecommunications and banking.

The private sector is now allowed to manufacture telecommunications equipment, foreign companies are permitted to produce electronic components, software development has been classified as an industry, and the import of computer systems has been liberalised and no licence is required for systems costing less than Rs. 10 million.

Attractive incentives such as cash subsidies, transport subsidy of up to 50 per cent; power subsidy are also given. Industrial units exporting a part of their production enjoy duty drawback and concessional export credit for exports. The incentives are given to NRIs, joint ventures in which 60 per cent ownership belongs to NRIs or persons of

Indian origin, but presently nationals of any other country and people from the oil-exporting developing countries.

The government seeks to reduce the interface between investors and bureaucratic hurdles," said Madhukar Gupta of the Indian Investment Centre, Abu Dhabi. Gupta is in Kuwait for the SBI Cap promotion and was one of the speakers at the seminar.

Liberalisation

Gupta, however, warns that "liberalisation alone does not guarantee smooth operation." "You must route your ideas through an organisation that can help you to avoid delays and provides ideas for technology transfer," he stressed.

SBI Cap's Executive Director, S.M. Parande shed light on the

Investment Management Services provided by them. Parande said portfolio investments — short to medium — are not for quick returns. But if money is invested for three to five years, the returns are encouraging. He advises prospective investors to "look hard, look around and use your discretion" before plunging into investments.

Over 800 people attended Monday's seminar, held at the Meridien Hotel. It was attended, among others, by NRI Forum chairman C.S.S. Khanpuri, SBI Cap General Manager, A.K. Dam; SBI Manager J.R. Somchoudhury and tax consultant H.P. Ramana.

A separate report on Indian Tax Laws for NRIs will also be published shortly.

Kuwait leaves Manakh crisis behind

THE chairman of Kuwait's Gulf Bank, Mustafa Al Issa, in an interview with a local daily, was quoted as saying that the Kuwaiti economy had overcome the "Manakh crisis" and was now operating from a position of renewed strength to usher in "a forthcoming boom phase."

The chairman went on to state that he expected the coming decades to have positive economic changes — particularly in the vital oil sector. He added that the measures, taken by the bank, to contain and eradicate the "after-effects" of the Manakh crisis, had reestablished the role of commercial banks and had instilled a high level of confidence in investors and business entrepreneurs.

Speaking of local banks' activities abroad, Al Issa said, "In light of the banks pioneering local experiment, substantial recommendations had been made involving investments in foreign markets." These, were primarily intended to diversify and spread the sources of revenue.

Economists worry over higher inflation

US economy and dollar seen performing well

WASHINGTON, June 6, (Reuters): The US economy and the dollar are still performing according to the Reagan administration's election-year script, but some officials and economists worry higher inflation and interest rates might yet spoil the party.

"We see a fairly healthy economy at this point," a senior Federal Reserve official said on Friday. "But at some point there may well be some risk of a significant pick-up in inflation."

That is clearly a concern because the Fed's primary mandate is to keep inflation low.

For the moment, though, the administration can bask in the glow of a solid export-led expansion that is now in its 67th month, a peacetime record, and shows no sign of ending.

The dollar is behaving itself and Wall Street rallied last week. After a crisis of confidence early in the year, the US currency has recovered its poise and dealers are wondering if policymakers from the major nations will let it rise much further before sell-

ing dollars to halt the advance.

The immediate threat to financial markets is the possibility that the US central bank would raise the discount rate, the fee it charges banks for emergency loans, from six per cent to curb inflationary pressures.

But Friday's job figures, which showed a moderation in the growth of non-farm jobs to 209,000 in May from 249,000 in April, were apparently not strong enough to force the hand of the Fed's policymakers, who were still anxious about the impact of higher interest rates on financial markets.

Volatility

"Clearly the markets have not returned to where they were before the stock market crash (last October 19), there's more volatility, more sensitivity, especially in the stock market," the Fed official said.

The stable dollar helped Wall Street's Dow Jones Industrial Average put on a record 114.86 points or almost six per cent last week to close on Friday at

2,071.30, just 39 points below its post-crash high.

Abroad, the Tokyo Stock Market is at a record high — the Nikkei average ended a half-day trading session on Saturday 84.94 points up at 27,906.48 on the crest of a recent wave of solid corporate profits — and London's FTSE 100-share index closed two per cent up on the week at 1,819.2, its highest finish since late March.

Dramatically

The pound sterling was the big loser of last week's trading, falling dramatically against the dollar and the West German mark despite a half-percentage point rise in UK bank base rates on Thursday to eight per cent. It ended the week around \$1.7950 and 3.10 marks after nudging \$1.90 and 3.20 marks in mid-May and dealers expected a further interest rate rise soon.

In the US, evidence is accumulating to show costs and prices are rising as the economy inches closer to full capacity.

For instance, the Labour

Department reported that average hourly earnings rose 0.7 per cent in May. They were up 0.5 per cent in April and have climbed at a 4.3 per cent pace so far this year compared with 2.7 per cent in the whole of 1987.

The Fed has already tightened its grip on credit sufficiently in recent weeks to raise the important federal funds rate, the rate banks charge each other for overnight loans, from 6-5/8 per cent to about 7-3/8 per cent.

Jeffrey Leeds, an economist with "Chemical Bank" in New York, said the rise in interest rates was a function of the economy's strength and not, as was the case last year, a response to a flight out of the dollar. "I view the rise in interest rates as the price of prosperity," he said.

This could pose an unfamiliar problem for international policymakers — how to stop the dollar from going too high.

Confident the improving trend in US trade will underpin the dollar for now, foreign investors have been pumping more

money into the US to capture the rising interest rates. In the process the dollar is at a seven-month high of 1.73 marks.

Officials are not worried yet about the dollar's rise, which they consider temporary and largely speculative.

Sold

But the West German central bank, the Bundesbank, sold \$27.6 million on Friday, and economists expect other central banks would join in if the dollar rally accelerated.

"We have a common interest in stable exchange rates," assistant US Treasury Secretary David Mulford told a group of currency dealers in Honolulu recently. "Let me assure you... that close exchange market cooperation will continue."

The 50 per cent decline in the dollar over the past three years has made US goods more competitive in world markets, and the nation's trade gap is finally shrinking as a result. But it is still expected to reach nearly \$150 billion in 1988.

Egyptian deficit set to increase in 1988-89

CAIRO, June 6, (Reuters): The Egyptian government projects higher revenues, but also more spending and a bigger deficit, in its budget for the 1988-89 financial year, it was announced yesterday.

Selected draft budget figures for the year starting on July 1, released by Information Minister Safwat Shari' after a cabinet meeting, indicated no major change in economic policy.

Disburse

But a projected 7.2 billion pound (\$3.2 billion) budget deficit, up from 5 billion pounds (\$2.2 billion) last year, appeared likely to displace the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which had demanded steps to

narrow the gap.

A May 1987 accord with the IMF for standby credits has been inoperative for months because the fund has not endorsed the pace of government economic measures. IMF officials are expected to review Egypt's performance again this month.

The draft budget, to be debated by parliament, put spending at 28.3 billion pounds (\$12.6 billion), up 25 per cent from the 1987-88 budget.

It forecast that revenues would rise by 16.1 per cent, mainly from oil exports, tourism and Suez Canal earnings, to 21.1 billion pounds (\$9.4 billion dollars). Detailed forecasts were not given.

New consumer movement appearing in US

NEW YORK, June 6, (AP): A new consumer movement appears to be under way in the United States, and it seems capable of doing what an earlier period of consumerism failed to accomplish: keeping prices down.

Increasingly, buyers are resisting efforts of producers and sellers to raise prices. Relative to the 1970s, therefore, inflation is mild.

Evidence of the movement's success is all around, now that it is being documented by some hard economic numbers.

Improved

The new militancy contracts sharply with earlier consumer activism that, arising in the 1960s and extending into the 1970s, helped improve the quality and

safety of products, improved the work place and raised environmental consciousness.

In spite of the good it did, however, the earlier movement suffered a grand failure: it did little or nothing to keep prices in line, and one of America's worst periods of inflation overwhelmed buyers during the 1970s.

The new consumer militancy can be seen in various retail markets, but none more clearly than in automobiles and apparel.

Automobile rebates and discounts, originally aimed at giving a quick, one-time boost in sales, have become a continuing feature of the car market. Remove incentives, carmakers and dealers have found, and sales decline.

The biggest recent contributor

to inflation was a surge in apparel costs. But simultaneously apparel retailers have reported weakened sales, especially for women's clothes, suggesting consumer resistance will end that threat.

Distinct

Seeking an explanation for the effectiveness of consumer resistance today, especially since it failed in the 1970s, analysts at Wright Investors' Service have found a distinct economic disparity.

During the earlier period, they state, consumer response to higher prices was tempered by, among other things, the inability to resist such developments as the oil price increases dictated by foreign producers.

In addition, consumers often had the ability to offset higher prices by means of the then-popular cost-of-living adjustments that lifted their pay by a similar percentage.

Moreover, some price increases then were deemed irrelevant to consumers. Healthcare costs, rising even faster than they are now, were sometimes offset by insurance coverage paid fully rather than partially by employers.

Difficult

At present, consumers appear to be in a position to make difficult the price increases that came so easily during the 1970s. Increases are in areas where consumers have options, chief of which is that of not buying.

Japan led the world in international banking activity

WASHINGTON, June 6, (AP): Japan led the world in international banking activity in 1987, the International Monetary Fund reported yesterday.

Residents of Japan borrowed \$223 billion from international banks during the year, an increase of 45 per cent over 1986, but also deposited \$148 billion, up 30 per cent, the report said.

The net flow of \$76 billion to Japan was up from \$40 billion in 1986. The United States was second with a net inflow of \$51 billion.

Net flow

Britain had the largest net flow to international banks with \$27 billion, followed by Switzerland with 21 billion, West Germany 10 billion, Belgium and Luxembourg 10 billion each and France 6 billion.

The fund's monthly "IMF Memorandum" reported that Japan also took a net \$87 billion in 1987 from its trade with the rest of the world. The Japanese government's official reserves grew by \$43 billion to \$81 billion at the end of the year, it said.

Much of Japan's banking activity was in lending to and

from banks themselves, especially in transactions between residents of Japan and Hong Kong, the IMF said.

Developing countries increased what they owed to international banks by \$15.5 billion, a sharp contrast with the year before when the countries paid back a net \$1 billion. Most of the new lending, \$12.8 billion, went to China and Taiwan.

Borrowing

Taiwan engaged in much borrowing after it dropped controls on international lending last July, the fund reported. Part of the borrowing was to satisfy the demand for foreign funds from Taiwan business people because of the expectation that the US dollar would decline with relation to the new Taiwan dollar, the IMF report said.

Taiwan came under heavy pressure from the United States to increase the value of its currency with relation to the US dollar so that American business would be tempted to buy less from Taiwan and to sell more.

The report noted that Taiwan, earning money in international trade, increased both its inter-

national reserves and the deposits in its banks.

"Concerned lending" to Latin America — packages of loans put together by the fund itself with cooperation of lending governments — totalled about \$5.6 billion the report said, \$4.4 billion to Mexico and 1.2 billion to Argentina.

Banks often call this "voluntary lending" because without pressure they would be unlikely to lend more to countries already heavily in debt to them, often in arrears on their payments of interest as well as principal.

These arrears added \$4.2 billion to the amounts owed to banks by countries in the Western hemisphere, where the biggest Third World debtor countries are.

Coordinate

Meanwhile, the head of the IMF urged that the United States and other big countries should coordinate economic policy because no single government can any longer underwrite world prosperity.

Managing Director Michel Camdessus was apparently referring to attempts to mesh major

economic policy among the Group of Seven, known as G-7. That includes the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada and his native France. The Soviet Union is not among the fund's 151 member governments.

"The relative strength of the European Economic Community and Japan has grown, making the US economy a less dominant force than it once was," Camdessus said.

"Indeed, no single government can any longer underwrite prosperity or stability for the world as a whole."

Economists say, for example, that it would be disastrous if all members of G-7 made an all-out effort to increase their exports to one another at the same time.

Efforts to tighten coordination have been discouraged by events following last year's agreement in Paris that the price of the US dollar had fallen enough. After that came October's stock market crash and the continued fall of the dollar.

Camdessus said it may never be possible to get total agreement

among governments at any given time, but it should be possible to make their policies more compatible.

"Unless a satisfactory answer can be given to the question 'what's in it for us?' cooperation will be at best insubstantial," he said.

Urged

He listed cases where national policies, urged for the benefit of the world as a whole, could in his view also help the countries that adopt them. Camdessus said that:

— More reduction of the US budget deficit would enable the United States to sell more of its goods abroad without crowding out US private spending or spurring inflation. He said it also would pave the way for lasting reductions in interest rates and make it easier for future US governments to be more flexible about taxes and government spending.

— Western Europe and Japan should be vigorous about "structural reforms" which would speed up both their growth and the growth of the rest of the world.

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US magazine says Suzuki Samurai unsafe

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y., June 6, (Reuters): Consumer Reports magazine said on Thursday it gave a "not acceptable" rating to the Japanese-made Suzuki Samurai sports-utility vehicle, citing its tendency to overturn in accident avoidance manoeuvres. Consumers Union, the nonprofit testing organisation that publishes the magazine, said Suzuki Motor Corp should recall the vehicles and give refunds to the owners of the 150,000 Samurais that have been sold in the United States. It was the first time in 10 years that Consumers Union's magazine has given the unacceptable rating to a car. American Suzuki Motor Corp said it would issue a statement later on Thursday in response to the charges.

In a test report that will appear in the July issue of Consumer Reports, the magazine says the vehicle suffers a design flaw combining a high centre of gravity with a small wheelbase and light weight, which makes it accident-prone. During tests, the Samurai 1988 test vehicle toppled while going through an emergency handling test on a dry, level course at 40 miles per hour (70 kph). Consumers Union said. It tested three similar vehicles, the jeep Cherokee, Isuzu Trooper II and the jeep Wrangler, and found the others were able to negotiate but they are not as light as the Samurai. "Unfortunately the Samurai can't just be recalled and have a few changes made," said Robert Knott, head of testing for Consumer Reports. "The problem is inherent in its design. The only way to fix it is to make the vehicle longer, wider and heavier."

Italian bank bids for stake in Irving Bank

NEW YORK, June 6, (UPI): The Bank of Italy, the nation's banking regulatory agency, said yesterday it has given its blessing to a \$760 million bid by Banca Commerciale Italiana S.p.A. for a majority stake in Irving Bank Corporation. The letter of approval, dated last week, stated that BCI has ample equity capital and liquidity to complete the transaction. It is the latest move in the ninth-battle against a hostile move more than a \$1 billion bank of New York takeover attempt against Irving. Irving's board of directors last week unanimously approved the new Italian bid and Banca Commerciale Italiana extended until June 8 its offer to purchase 51 per cent of Irving shares for \$80 a share in a deal worth \$760 million. Its original bid was \$75 a share for a total of some \$710 million. The Federal Reserve Board last week approved a 45-day extension of the period in which the Bank of New York could consummate its takeover bid for Irving and the bank extended its offer to purchase all outstanding shares of Irving common stock. In floor trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Irving stock, trading ex-dividend, was up 37.5 per cent to \$62.125 in the early afternoon. Bank of New York stock also rose 12.5 cents to \$36.375 a share. Irving had rejected a revised \$1.18 billion tender offer from the Bank of New York that was made on condition Irving agreed to a friendly deal.

Turkey denies fresh trade credit to Iraq

ANKARA, June 6, (Reuters): Turkey will not issue fresh trade credits for a few years to Iraq which had a debt of \$2.7 billion with Ankara at the end of last year, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported today. Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi is expected in Ankara next Thursday and Friday for trade talks, it said. "During the talks there will be no agreement to increase credits. No new credits for Iraq will be opened for a few years," Yavuz Cansev, undersecretary for treasury and foreign trade, was quoted as saying. Cansev said two-way trade this year with Iraq, which supplies a third of Turkey's oil requirements, could reach the 1987 level of \$2.1 billion. "Trade between the countries is at a sufficient level," he added. Turkish Finance Minister Kurtcebe Altunemec, quoted by Anatolian, said in Baghdad on April 3 that Turkey has suspended new trade credits to Iraq until the end of 1988. But he said letters of credit issued before April 1 would be valid. "Letters of credit have been temporarily stopped so as to examine our accounts," he said at the time.

Foreign investor spending in US slipped in 1987

WASHINGTON, June 6, (Reuters): Spending by foreign investors on US business enterprises last year declined from the record 1986 level but remained well above the levels of earlier years, the Commerce Department said yesterday. Foreign-based companies and investors spent \$30.54 billion on acquiring or setting up US businesses last year, down from 39.18 billion in 1986 but well above the 23.11 billion in 1984, the Department said. A Department official blamed last year's decline partially on a spending spree late in 1986 by foreign investors seeking to act before the 1986 foreign investors seeking to act before the 1987 tax law changes took effect in the United States. The official said the 1987 spending estimate, which is preliminary, would probably be revised upward as more data is collected. Last year the department initially reported 1986 spending at \$31.5 billion, before revising it in its latest report to 39.18 billion. Despite the decline in 1987, the Department said foreign investors continued to be drawn to the United States for several reasons, including the depreciation of the dollar, low inflation, sustained economic growth and the availability of many US businesses for foreign purchase. Because of trade surpluses at several developed countries, many foreign companies had substantial funds to invest, the Department said. At the same time, fears that Congress will enact protectionist trade legislation may have encouraged foreigners to spend more on building or acquiring US-based production facilities instead of exporting into the country, it said.

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ADT LTD	121/0
ALD LYONS	427/0
AMSTRAD	186/0
ARGYLL GP	88.18
ASDA GP	152/0
BAA	281/0
BTR	267/0
BAY INDS	449/0
BARCLAYS	410/0
BASS	802/0
BEAZER	178/0
BECHEM	485/0
BELFORD	340/0
BICC PLC	323/0
BLUE ARMY	115/0
BLUE CIRC	415/0
BOC GP	393/0
BOOTS CO	225/0
BPB INDS	288/0
BR COMM	262/0
BR AIRWAY	142/0
BR AEROSP	404/0
BR GAS RG	174/0
B.P.	272/0
B.P. NEW	73/0
BR TELCOM	240/0
BRITNOL	523/0
BUNZL	139/0
BURMAN OL	562/0
BURTON	250/0
CABLEMIR	340/0
CADREYS	410/0
COATS VTY	237/0
COMINT	376/0
COWI	376/0
COWI GOLD	050/0
COOKSON	535/0
COURTAUD	340/0
DALGETY	317/0
DEE CP	186/0
DIXONS	176/0
ENG CHINA	448/0
ENTER OIL	433/0
FKI BARCK	128/0
FERRANTI	79/0
GEN ACCID	887/0
GEN ELEC	148/0
GLAXO	937/0
GLYND	442/0
GRADINA	313/0
GROBE	137/0
GLYND	442/0
GRAND NET	518/0
GUARD RTL	873/0
GUN	316/0
GUINNESS	325/0
HANSON	615/0
HANSON SIO	135/0
HILLSDOWN	277/0
ICI	028/0
INI	194/0

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ACRE OIL	210/0	211/0
ADDITION	40/0	40/0
ADVEST	322/0	323/0
ALEX UNIK	176/0	175/0
ALXON	387/0	389/0
ALLD COLL	130/0	130/0
ALLD PLNT	50/0	51/0
ALLIANCE	782/0	785/0
AMARI	250/0	248/0
AMEC	376/0	376/0
AMER TRST	121/4	123/0
AMERSHAM	460/0	460/0
AM HLTIC	260/0	260/0
ANGLO O'S	203/0	204/0
APPLEYARD	439/0	440/0
APRICOT	100/0	101/0
APV PLC	112/0	112/0
AQUAS.A.	88/0	88/0
ARAN ENGY	79/0	79/0
ARCHER AJ	154/0	153/0
ARLINGTON	207/0	208/0
ARSTRONG	125/4	126/0
ASHLEY LA	120/0	120/0
ATWOODS	306/0	308/0
AUS REE A	281/0	282/0
AUST REED	383/0	385/0
B.MEILL	166/0	166/0
BAILL SHI	86/0	87/0
BANK REE	200/0	200/0
BARKER DO	144/0	142/0
BART DEV	179/0	180/0
BAYNES C	27/0	28/0
BEJAM GP	170/0	170/0
BELHAVEN	45/0	46/0
BELLWAY	267/0	266/0
BENLUX HD	60/0	60/0
BENTLAYS	187/0	188/0
BERKELEY	343/0	343/0
BH GROUP	120/0	119/0
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TR PACIFIC	1
TR TRUSTEE	1
TRAVISER	3
TRINOCO	4
TRIMCO	19
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TRIMCO W	3
TRISPRF	33
TU SOUTH	20
TULY DORTO	43
TYNDALL	15
U-APP HOL	26
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BUSINESS

Bombay brokers' staff disrupt exchange trading

BOMBAY, June 6. (Reuters): Rampaging stock brokerage employees, demanding renewal of wage agreements, disrupted trading today on the Bombay Stock Exchange, India's largest, an exchange spokesman said.

He said trading had just begun when a large group of employees accompanied by some outsiders forcibly entered the trading ring, toppled furniture and assaulted some stockbrokers.

The slogan-shouting employees were dispersed by police but trading could not take place, the spokesman said.

The employees have demanded renewal of separate wage agreements with brokerage houses and reinstatement of 15 people recently fired in an economy move.

Employees' leaders said many stockbrokers have not renewed annual wage agreements since 1986, when the previous two-year wage accord expired.

The employees also went on strike last month for a day to press their demands. The more than 500 stockbrokers in Bombay employ about 2,000 workers.

Stockbrokers have maintained their financial position was very weak because of depressed markets and a decline in business volume.

But in the last month, the stock market volume has increased, triggered by new tax incentives and hopes of better corporate results.

The daily business volume of the Bombay Stock Exchange, which trickled down to Rs150 million during the last two years, against 600 million in normal times, exceeded one billion last week.

Tokyo shares race to new high

Dollar and gold fall in European trading

LONDON, June 6. (Agencies): The US dollar fell slightly against most major currencies in European trading today but was steadied by bullish sentiment in the market. Gold prices were lower.

The dollar was pushed down by comments from Karl Otto Poehl, president of the West German Bundesbank, indicating the bank's opposition to a further dollar rise. He said yesterday that the central bank had sold dollars last week to show it wasn't interested in a higher dollar and a lower mark.

Bounced back

But by mid-morning, the US currency had bounced back amid what foreign exchange traders called a reflection of the bullish market mood. Another trader added that she expected trading to be steady before the announcement next week of US trade figures for April and the Toronto economic summit later this month.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell 0.04 yen to a closing 126.07 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted higher at 126.22 yen.

Other late dollar rates, compared with late Friday's rates: — 1.7190 West German marks, down from 1.7248

— 1.4357 Swiss francs, down from 1.4363

— 5.8122 French francs, down from 5.8293

— 1.9303 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9355

— 1.2776 Italian lire, down from 1.282.00

— 1.2324 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2311

In London, the British pound was quoted at \$1.8025, more expensive for buyers than late Friday's \$1.8005.

Traders said the Bank of England's increase in a key money market intervention rate failed to support the pound because the interest rate rise had already been discounted.

Gold European gold trading was dull, as attention in metal markets focused on silver. The late bid price in London for gold was \$463.50 a troy ounce, down from late Friday's bid of \$464.75.

In Zurich, the late bid price was \$464.50, down from 465.50 late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose to \$464.39 from Saturday's 463.71.

Silver was quoted in London late today at a bid price of \$7.34 a troy ounce, up from Friday's \$7.31. Dealers said profit-taking was expected to bring down the price in New York later today.

As the price of yet another foodstuff — coffee — soared on world commodity markets today, worries about inflation pushed British interest rates up and kept gold prices at their highest levels since January.

Reports of a frost in southern Brazil, the biggest supplier of coffee, sent prices up \$20 (\$108) a tonne to \$1.185 (\$2,150) for September delivery.

Some dealers described the rise as a buying panic.

"Everybody knew there were one or two cold fronts moving around, but frost was not expected," a trader said.

Meanwhile, for the second

time in five days, the Bank of England moved to force British interest rates higher as part of the government's continuing campaign to cool inflation.

It raised its money market lending rate half a percentage point to 8-1/2 per cent. By increasing a key rate at which it lends to financiers and bankers, the bank's move will eventually force all British interest rates up.

Within minutes Barclays Bank, the second biggest in Britain, raised its base lending rate half a point to 8-1/2 per cent.

The pound gained about a quarter of a cent and a half a penny to \$1.8060 and 3.106 West German marks after the bank acted, posting a gain of half a cent and 1.5 pfennigs on its opening.

But London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares held steady just above 1,820.

Higher interest rates on British bank accounts and bonds could attract foreign investors, and so boost demand for the pound. But costlier borrowing could bite into business profits, making British shares a less attractive buy.

The British government had been worried that a credit-fuelled buying spree could rekindle inflation.

The worry is not limited to Britain.

Beginning last month, soaring grain prices had started many investors worrying about inflation. Those worries sent gold and silver prices climbing to six-month high last week and held them there today.

Last week, grain and oilseed

prices soared on the Chicago and Winnipeg markets, as weather experts forecast drought-like conditions would continue through the US Midwest states and Canada's prairie provinces.

Share prices around the world firmed only modestly, as London's FTSE index of 100 blue chips opened 3.4 points higher at 1,822.6 and then eased.

Tokyo's stock market raced to new heights today, breaking the 28,000 point barrier for the first time, but analysts said it may be time to pause for breath.

Outlook

Though the investment outlook is relatively unclouded, analysts said the Nikkei share index's 32 per cent climb this year has left some investors feeling giddy.

The Nikkei index of 225 shares breached 28,000 points during morning trading to hit 28,059.97. It ended off that peak but at a record closing high of 27,996.24.

Today's 89-point rally in heavy turnover in Tokyo was driven by signs the US economy and Wall Street may at last be forgetting post-crash predictions of doom, brokers said.

"Concern over US inflation and rising American interest rates has lessened," said Yozo Asai, analyst at Yamaichi Securities.

"Wall Street's advance last week placated investors here."

Remarks yesterday by US Treasury Secretary James Baker heartened Tokyo investors, analysts said.

Baker said the US central bank was doing a good job of balancing economic growth and controlling inflation. Worries of

inflation in the United States were vastly overblown, he added.

Despite the good signs, analysts said, the market would do best not to overextend itself.

An analyst at Nomura Securities said investors may be becoming a little cautious for the time being although Japan's robust economy underpins the high share prices. The recent stability of the dollar against the yen had quelled fears in the export sector, he added.

In Paris, investors were unsettled when President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party won only a narrow majority in yesterday's first round of the general election. The Bourse indicator rose 0.27 per cent.

"I suspect the next week is going to be quite nervous," said Richard Reid, an economist with London brokers Phillips and Drew. The final round of voting is next Sunday.

Uncertainty on the uncertainty as there will be buyers on the possibility of a return of the right," he said adding, "I would expect that anyone with profits to take will take them and clear off for the week."

In other markets, uncertainty about the risk of inflation seemed to prevail.

Dealers who worry that US interest rates may be forced up to cool inflation were heartened by Friday's report that the US unemployment rate for April jumped to 5.6 per cent from 5.4 per cent. It suggests that the US economy is not growing quickly enough to make inflation a worry.

Taiwan stock market hits record high

TAIPEI, June 6. (Reuters): The 26-year-old Taiwan stock market hit a record high today surging past another all-time peak set last month.

The stock index rose 100.35 points or 2.1 per cent to 4,876.34 against the previous high of 4,785.03 on May 16.

"Our bourse is reacting to the worldwide stock bounce and continuing its upward trends with vigorous speed," exchange vice president Tracy Cheng said in an interview.

Turn "Now many investors (will) turn their eyes on Wall Street. If it rises when it reopens today, then the stock index of our bourse will breach the 5,000 mark this week," he said.

The index has more than doubled this year, closing at 4,876.34 today from 2,341.06 on January 5.

Analysts said the bullish local sentiment reflected continuing gains in Tokyo and New York.

Excess liquidity, limited local investment outlets, low bank interest rates and optimistic prospects for economic growth in Taiwan this year contributed to the rally, they added.

David Hsu, vice president of Jardine Fleming Taiwan, said Taiwan had surpassed Japan and South Korea as the world's fastest growing market.

Tony Shen, manager at Yuan Ta Securities Company, said: "Many people have lots of money and are eager to earn more. So they just play with their money on the stock market because they believe they can get rich quick from it."

He said the number of new investors rose by more than

30,000 in May alone. "The daily most-discussed topic in Taiwan is now the stock market," Shen added.

Boosted Cheng of the stock exchange said market capitalisation, boosted by the latest index gain, is nearing \$100 billion from about \$4 billion a week ago.

Monthly turnover reached a record 640 billion Taiwan dollars (\$22.4 billion) last month up from 203 billion (\$6.4 billion) in May 1987 and the previous peak of 512 billion (\$16.1 billion) in September 1987, Cheng added.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 6. (Reuters): Solid demand for gold-related stocks pushed the national share market higher. The All Ordinaries index rose 16.9 points to close at 1,598.6.

TOKYO: The Nikkei index reached a record high close, just below 28,000 points after robust trade, but ended lower than morning peaks. The index closed up 89.76 points, 0.32 per cent, at 27,996.24 after an earlier peak of 28,059.97.

HONG KONG: Share prices retreated after breaking the 2,600 barrier in early trading and ended the day cautiously higher. The Hang Seng index finished 22.04 points up at 2,590.39.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed firmer across the board for the ninth straight session in very active trading, but intermittent afternoon profit-taking pared gains slightly. The Straits Times industrial index rose 11.22 to 1,035.12.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed higher but off pre-bourse levels after a lack of orders saw prices fall back at mid-session. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, rose 5.1 to 1,412.9.

ZURICH: Prices closed firmer across the board on high turnover as the steady dollar and the record high in Tokyo boosted market sentiment. The All-Share Swiss index closed at 846.3 points, 8.4 points above Friday's close.

PARIS: French share prices ended near the day's highs in moderate trade following yesterday's first round of legislative elections. The 50-share Bourse Indicator ended 1.23 per cent up.

Khofari says private banks should activate Kuwait's economy

KUWAIT'S Minister of Finance Jasssem Al Khofari yesterday said in an interview that Kuwait's private banks should contribute to activating the country's economy and asked them not to be "frightened."

"The banks can stimulate economic activities through scientific means away from personal evaluation, especially in respect of measures relating to financial credit lines," Al Khofari said, adding that "credit lines should be based on clear budgets."

The paper, quoted Khofari as saying the banks were "frightened" and hoping that such fear would not be an "obstacle" in supporting economic institutions.

He called on the banks to take a "moderate" role similar to that of the government in activating the economy. "We all work for a positive reaction," Al Khofari added.

Speaking on taxation in Kuwait, the minister noted that it is "a question of time" adding that the government will start the system by imposing fees on its civil services but not "all of them."

He added that low income earners should be taken into consideration.

GCC citizens can acquire shares in Kuwaiti companies

CITIZENS of the other five states of the Gulf Co-operation Council can now acquire shares in the Kuwaiti shareholding companies, the official government gazette, Al Kuwait Al Youm, said today.

Under the law, appearing in the gazette today, citizens of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Qatar, and Bahrain, can now own shares in the Kuwaiti shareholding companies under the same laws governing the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange.

The law, which goes into effect today, applies to present and future Kuwaiti companies, the gazette said.

Subject to approval of the Council of Ministers, the minister of commerce and industry can define the Kuwaiti shareholding companies in which GCC citizens can acquire shares and the rules governing their acquisition of such shares including the maximum shares they can buy and the rights of such shareholders.

Delegation will visit Switzerland

GCC team to look for business opportunities

GENEVA, June 6. (KUNA): A top-level economic and financial team from Kuwait and other Gulf Co-operation Council countries is to visit Switzerland next week for discussions and negotiations on business opportunities between Europe and the Gulf.

Among the members of the delegation are GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bisbara, Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khaleel and Saudi Arabian secretary-general for the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Prince Abdullah Bin Faisal Bin Turki.

They will be assisted by Dr Khalid Al Fayed, director-general of the Gulf Investment Corporation and Khalid Al Shoor, director of the Industrial Development Centre in Bahrain, and a number of prominent Gulf businessmen.

The Gulf team will be making a series of private presentations to European executives, and also will enter negotiations with them on specific projects.

The meeting has been jointly arranged by the GCC and the Swiss World Economic Forum, the foundation responsible for the annual meeting of world economic and business leaders held each year in the mountain resort of Davos.

The GCC was founded by Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar,

Saudi Arabia and the UAE in 1981 in order, according to its charter, "to provide the means for realising co-ordination, integration and co-operation."

Each of the six has contributed \$350 million to the total capital of \$2.1 billion held by the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation, which concentrates much of its efforts on projects in the energy and transport sectors in the region.

Paul Smyke of the World Economic Forum said that the main purpose of the meetings, to be held in Geneva, was to allow European businessmen "to interact constructively with government and other personalities" from the Gulf.

Discussions Four sessions of closed-door talks and discussions are to be held, on June 7 and 8.

The opening meeting will be addressed by GCC Secretary-General Bisbara, who will speak on "the economic and geopolitical importance of the GCC to the international business community."

This will be followed by a speech by Commerce and Industry Minister Al Khaleel on "the GCC economies, with special emphasis on industrialisation and trade."

Prince Abdullah will speak on "transfer of technology," and Al Fayed and Al Shoor will deliver a lecture on "joint venture projects and investment opportunities in

GCC countries."

Each year the forum held similar meetings on individual countries from all parts of the world, and next week's session would be the first one devoted to the Gulf area, Smyke noted.

Meanwhile, trade between Switzerland and the six GCC states contracted in the first quarter 1988, compared with the same three-month period in 1987, Swiss government figures showed.

The statistics, made available to KUNA by the customs department here, revealed that Swiss exports to the GCC were valued at \$44 million Swiss francs in the quarter, compared with 370 million a year ago.

Exports from the Gulf countries to Switzerland virtually doubled, to 49 million francs from 26 million.

Much of this increase was as a consequence of the sale of a single aircraft to the Swiss by Saudi Arabia, officials in the department noted.

Sales Switzerland imports only small quantities of oil from the Gulf and Saudi Arabia is the main source, with first quarter 1988 sales worth some 10 million francs.

In 1987 as a whole Swiss exports to the GCC had totalled 1.58 billion francs, a slight recovery on the previous year's levels, while imports from the six had been worth 290 million

francs, from 207 million in 1987. Switzerland's exports to the 13 OPEC countries in the first three months of 1988 were slightly up on those of the first quarter the year before, according to the latest government figures.

Swiss exports to OPEC totalled \$92.7 million francs (\$412 million) in the January-March period, up from 573.8 million francs (\$390 million) in the corresponding period in 1987, statistics from the customs department made available to KUNA showed.

At the same time Swiss imports from OPEC were unchanged, at 190 million francs (\$136 million).

The bulk of these imports into Switzerland were in the form of crude oil, although other raw materials and jewellery accounted in some cases for a significant proportion of the total.

In the whole of 1987 Switzerland imported 3.9 million tonnes of crude oil, of which 44.6 per cent came from Libya.

Next was Algeria, with 14.1 per cent of the Swiss market, followed by Nigeria with 12.5 per cent, Norway with 11.1 per cent, Saudi Arabia with 10.3 per cent, Britain with 4.4 per cent and other countries with 3.0 per cent.

Swiss imports from OPEC in 1987 were valued at 1.06 billion francs (\$736 million) and its exports to OPEC at 2.84 billion francs (\$1.97 billion).

Britain voices support for OPEC aim

JAKARTA, June 6. (Reuters): Britain supports OPEC's aim of stabilising oil prices at around \$18 a barrel, British Energy Minister Cecil Parkinson said today.

On a visit to OPEC-member Indonesia, he said that although Britain was outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries it was aiding efforts to bring oil prices back up to the \$18 reference price by reducing its own crude output from the North Sea.

Stabilise "The main way that OPEC is trying to stabilise the price is by reducing production," he said.

"We are reducing production inevitably because our big fields are not producing as much as they did," he told reporters after a meeting with Indonesia's President Suharto.

"So our policy is running in parallel with OPEC. And we think in some ways we are better members of OPEC than some of the members who promise to reduce production and don't. We aren't members, but we are reducing production."

Parkinson, who arrived in Jakarta yesterday from Burma, discussed British investment opportunities and prospects for a June 11 meeting of OPEC in Vienna with Indonesian Energy Minister Ganiyar Kartasasmita.

He said a key to the success of the forthcoming OPEC session was whether the organisation could respond positively to an offer by six non-OPEC producers to limit their crude exports to help underpin sagging

oil prices. "There is a very general agreement that everybody stands to gain from stable prices..."

"So I think if the meeting was to be successful, then it would probably have to result in the OPEC members accepting the offer of the non-OPEC members to reduce their production by five per cent," he said.

"I think the aim would be to try to stabilise the price around the \$18 mark."

Seminar Parkinson is due to open a major energy seminar in Jakarta tomorrow, at which more than 40 British companies will present technical papers and demonstrate technology developed in the North Sea in other energy sectors.

He said he hoped British companies could develop much closer links with Indonesia, the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas and a major exporter of oil to Japan. Indonesia also has a rapidly developing coal industry.

The minister, who will fly on to Hong Kong and China, said Britain produced oil and gas from some of the most difficult waters in the world. Britain also had "Western Europe's largest coal industry and was strong in other energy resources."

He said he would discuss with Ganiyar plans announced by Pertamina in February to build a British-designed oil refinery in East Java, but he gave no details. Britain has been expanding its business links with Indonesia,

the largest country in South-East Asia, since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher visited Jakarta in April, 1985. There have been a string of high-profile ministerial trips and visits by business delegations.

Parkinson's talks with Ganiyar come just ahead of OPEC's meeting in Vienna on June 11 at which Indonesia is expected to play a role as broker between OPEC's two camps headed by Iran and Saudi Arabia.

At its last meeting in April, OPEC failed to agree on joint measures with six non-OPEC producers to bolster sagging world oil prices because of disputes on how to cut production within the organisation.

Ganiyar said last week he hoped the Vienna meeting would again consider how to meet the non-OPEC offer to restrict exports, and could agree to bring Iraq back into OPEC's quota system.

Defended Parkinson defended Britain's long-standing decision not to join the organisation or link with other countries in cooperating with it.

"We are in a different position from any other country, as we are big importers as well as exporters of oil and oil is only 2.0 per cent of our Gross Domestic Product. So our manufacturing sector is very important as well," he said after arrival at Jakarta airport.

"So we tend to both gain and lose from a low oil price, which isn't true in the main of most other producers."

KD deposits trade little changed

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits traded little changed yesterday, with banks placing surplus liquidity in Treasury bills on offer in the secondary market and gearing positions for a fresh KD100 million offer due on Wednesday.

Routine Dealers said some funds came into the market through routine bank foreign exchange transactions and overnight funds remained on offer at a nominal 1/2 per cent.

Spot-next and one-week funds traded about two points firmer, however, at six, five per cent.

Periods rates were little changed to slightly lower. One-month funds were 1/8 down on Sunday at 6-1/4, six per cent, while three-months were quoted at an unchanged 6-3/8, 1/8 per cent.

Six-month interbank deposits were indicated 1/16 point lower than on Sunday at 6-7/16, 3/16 per cent, but traders said the market was generally very quiet.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged from Sunday at 0.27612/22 to the dollar, while commercial banks quoted rates of 0.27615/25.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi rial interbank deposits surged in hectic trading yesterday as expectations rose that Saudi Arabia may soon launch a long-awaited government bond issue to help finance its 1988 budget deficit.

Traders said the sharp rise was triggered by a Sunday newspaper

interview with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) Governor Hamad Al Sayari who said the bonds scheme was going ahead as planned.

The interview with the Jeddah-based Arab News gave no indication of when a first offering would be made, but traders said it was enough to spark a scramble for funds.

Surge The bonds scheme — which would be Saudi Arabia's first major borrowing for 25 years — has been surrounded by uncertainty since announced in December and the market seized on Al Sayari's confirmation that it was still going ahead.

The surge in rates began in Bahrain on Sunday and gained momentum yesterday as banks in London returned after the weekend break.

CBK chief to visit London

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah will leave here on Tuesday for London to attend the annual meeting of the Bank of England.

A press release issued by the bank yesterday said the visit comes in response to an invitation from its British counterpart.

The release added that the meeting scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, is designed to discuss international, economical and financial issues.

S. Arabia posts \$2.4b trade surplus

RIYADH, June 6. (AP): Saudi Arabia posted a \$2.4 billion trade surplus last year, more than seven times the 1986 surplus, the Finance Ministry said in a report distributed yesterday.

The 1986 surplus was 1.352 billion riyals (\$360,000,000), the report said. Exports were circulated by the official Saudi Press Agency.

Surplus The big increase in the trade surplus followed a major effort by the Saudis to diversify their economy away from dependence on oil revenues.

They have been pushing to boost exports in petrochemical products, an industry started in the 1970s. More recently, they

have developed agriculture, wheat and food production for export, as well as domestic consumption.

The ministry report said exports totalled 84.6 billion riyals (\$22.56 billion) last year and imports 75.313 billion riyals (\$20 billion).

The balance of trade figures exclude re-exports, which amounted to 2.28 billion riyals (\$608,000,000) last year. Re-exports in 1986 were 2.612 billion riyals (\$696,533).

Saudi Arabia's 1986 exports totalled 72.139 billion riyals (\$19,237 billion) with imports pegged to 70.787 billion riyals (\$18,876 billion), the report said.

The Saudi news agency did not provide any breakdown of

Dear Junior Readers,

You know that Aunt Barbara has gone home to America. I do hope, however, that you will continue to read and enjoy this page. There will be new things mixed with your old favourites and, if you have any ideas for new items you would like to see, I would love to hear from you.

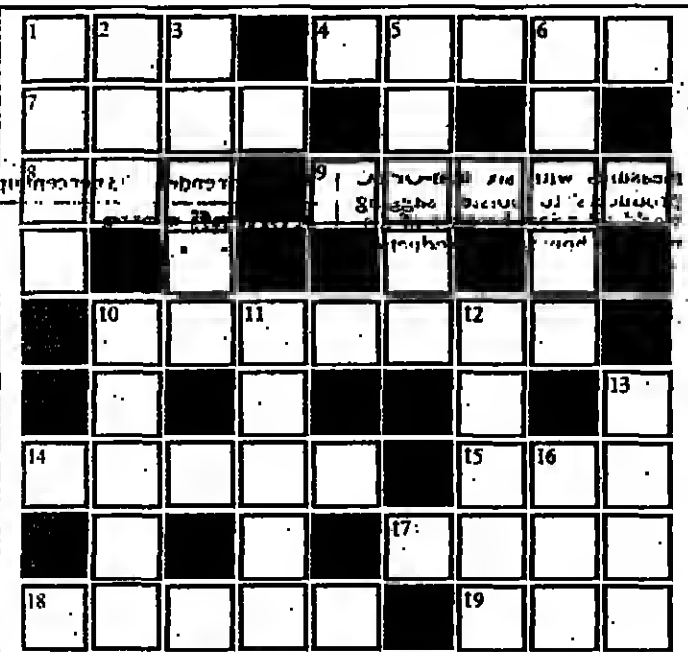
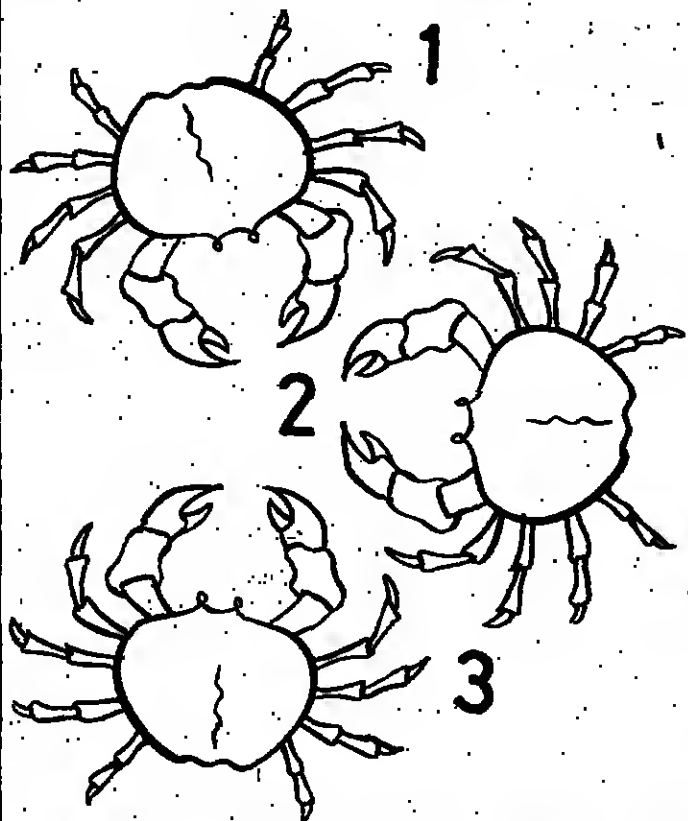
A big hello to you all!
Auntie Joyce.

Happy birthday

Faiza celebrated her 3rd birthday on Sunday, June 5. Love and best wishes, Faiza, from your family and friends.



Spot the difference



Across

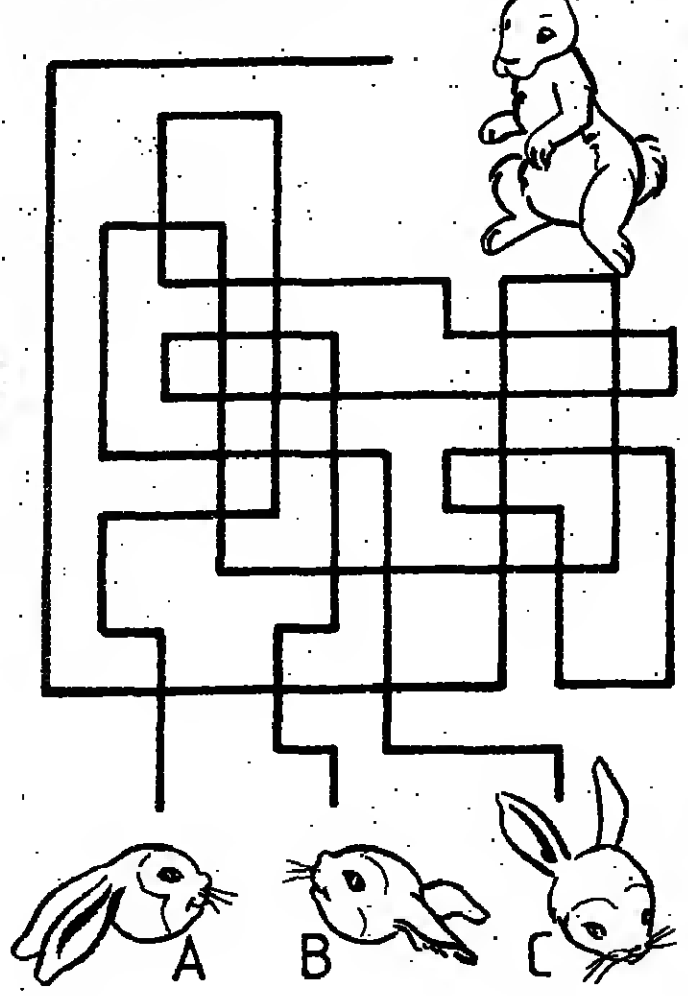
- 1 A close friend.
- 4 Map such as is used by a ship's captain.
- 7 Not at home.
- 8 Work at very earnestly.
- 9 Full of small, hard pieces.
- 10 Go along as required.
- 11 Pass from one side to another.
- 12 Make a sound that is not encouraging.
- 13 The central part of an apple, perhaps.
- 14 The opposite of 'black'.
- 15 Full of water.

Down

- 1 Another word for 'father'.
- 2 Small, pointed tool for boring holes.
- 3 Thin strip of rock between two others, for instance.
- 5 Building for living in.
- 6 Moving swiftly.
- 8 Small cover for protecting a doorway.
- 11 The beginning of an attack, maybe.
- 12 Joint between the upper and lower parts of the arm.
- 13 One who writes verses.
- 16 Rock which contains metal.

Solution on Thursday

WHICH BUNNY BELONGS TO THE RABBIT?



THERE was once a King of Persia named Shahryar who was most devoted to his beautiful Queen. He thought she was a most faithful and loyal wife to him. She, however, only pretended to be devoted to him. One day Shahryar's brother, who used to go hunting with him, felt ill and stayed behind in the palace while the King was away. Through the window of his room he was horrified to see the Queen unveil her face in the presence of the courtiers. Now you must understand that in the Persia of those days a woman was strictly forbidden to do this and, besides, the King had expressly instructed her not to leave her rooms.

When the King returned from the hunt, his brother told him what he had seen but the King became angry and refused to believe him. He took his brother's advice, however, and the following day he himself secretly stayed behind in the palace though he gave out officially that he had gone hunting. To his indescribable shock and grief he beheld through the window what his brother had seen the previous afternoon. His anger knew no bounds when he realised that he had been deceived by the wife whom he had always trusted. He ordered her to be executed immediately, while he himself shut himself up in a room and refused to eat or drink for several days. At last his brother persuaded him to come out and resume his royal duties. But his fury over what had happened remained as great as ever and he made a fearsome vow, in the name of Allah, that whatever new queen he might marry should be executed the morning after the wedding. By doing this he thought he would calm his anger and at the same time avenge himself on all wives for what his own wife had done to him. He decided to keep on re-marrying and

bave every one of his queens executed after the marriage.

And that is what happened: and it went on for many months and every person who had a daughter of marriageable age tried to find ways and means of sending her away to a safe hiding place.

Now King Shahryar's prime minister, the Grand Vizier as he was called, had two beautiful daughters of his own. Scheherezade and Dinarzade. Scheherezade was a most unusual girl, extremely learned, incredibly beautiful and full of good common sense. She knew that one day, sooner or later, she would be compelled to become the King's wife, but in her wise and lovely head she thought of a plan that would save not only herself but all the other Persian girls whose lot it might be to become Shahryar's wife.

One day the Grand Vizier returned from the palace and told his daughters the dread news that the King had decided that Scheherezade was to be his next Queen. But Scheherezade was quite prepared for this and said, 'Honoured father, have trust in me and one day you will see an end to this monstrous cruelty.' Her father was speechless with horror. 'How can you say that, dear daughter,' he exclaimed, 'when you know fully well that the day after your marriage you will be put to death by the King's very command? No, my daughter, this can never be! Your life is too precious to be disposed of in this terrible way. Tonight you and your sister will steal out of the city to a place of safety. If a life must be sacrificed, then let it be mine! I shall face the King and tell him that I will not allow my daughters to be

treated thus.' But when he started giving orders for the whole household to prepare for a secret flight into hiding, Scheherezade told him firmly, 'Dear father, if you will not take me to the palace I shall go there myself and offer myself as wife to King Shahryar.' And she again tried to assure her almost demented father that everything would turn out well if he would only trust her.

When the Grand Vizier saw how firm his daughter was in her resolve, he gave way. Scheherezade put on her bridal garments, ornamented her hair with pearls and her arms with bracelets, covered her face with a veil of the costliest silk and sprayed herself with seductive perfumes. She looked so enchanting that her attendants wept to think that so magnificent a creature was walking straight to her death.

Then Scheherezade took her sister, Dinarzade, into a room by themselves and said to her, 'You, dear sister, must play an important part in the plan I have devised to save myself and you and all the young women of Persia.' Dinarzade looked at her in great astonishment. Scheherezade continued, 'You know how much you have enjoyed the stories I have so often told you. Well, before I am to be put to death, I shall ask the King as a special favour, to allow you to come and listen to just one more story in his presence. So when I send for you, you must come to the palace.'

'Yes, dear sister,' replied Dinarzade, her eyes filled with tears, 'of course I shall come.'

Scheherezade was duly conducted to the palace by her father and her personal attendants. The King was greatly impressed by her beauty and the marriage was

celebrated amid great pomp and ceremony.

After the wedding the new Queen said to her husband, 'When a prisoner is condemned to death, he is allowed one last request. As I am to die tomorrow morning, may I, as my final wish on this earth, say goodbye to my sister?' Her request was granted and Dinarzade was soon at her sister's side in the palace. She wept bitterly as she said her farewell and Scheherezade could see that even the King looked somewhat sorrowful at the scene. She cleverly took advantage of this softening in his mood and asked him whether she might be allowed to tell her sister a favourite story that she had often told her in the past. King Shahryar, it so happened, was also very fond of listening to stories and so he willingly consented.

And now Scheherezade, in her lovely low voice, began to tell a most interesting story. King Shahryar listened, quite relaxed at first, but more attentively as the story got more and more exciting. But when she got to the most breathlessly exciting part she paused and said to her sister, 'I fear, dear Dinarzade, that you must leave now, for His Majesty is tired and wishes to retire to his bed.'

'No, please continue, said the King.

'There is much more to come,' replied Scheherezade. 'I could continue tomorrow if my life were spared for one more day.'

'Very well,' said the King a trifle impatiently, and so Dinarzade went home but promised to come back the next day. The King thought to himself, 'There is no need to have her executed tomorrow, I can always wait another day, but I must hear the end of that story



Now Scheherezade knew more than a thousand stories and she told them to the King night after night but always breaking off at the most intriguing part and leaving her listener in such a state of suspense that he kept asking for more.

After a thousand and one nights had passed in this way, Scheherezade, instead of starting a new story, turned to the King and said, 'It seems, Your Majesty, that you have not been displeased with my stories. If I have found favour in Your Majesty's eyes, may I now ask for some reward?' The King felt somewhat ashamed, for it was the custom of Persian monarchs always to reward even their humblest subjects for any small service, and yet he had given nothing, nothing at all to his own Queen!

Scheherezade took advantage of his silence to continue. 'You once made a most dreadful vow,' she said, 'but Allah would certainly not ask from you that you should fulfil so evil a pledge.'

The King had listened attentively, just as he had listened to her stories and he felt a deep guilt in his heart.

'My Queen,' he began, 'I now know that I have been too hasty and that I should never have made that evil vow. Why indeed should you suffer because of the wrongdoing of my first wife? Beside, I have myself already wronged too many innocent girls in my kingdom and I must make handsome amends to their families.' And he immediately caused it to be proclaimed from his palace that he had forsaken his terrible vow and praised his Queen Scheherezade as the most excellent of women and the most devoted of wives.

And the tales she told have come down to us as The Arabian Nights or, sometimes, The Thousand and One Nights.

General knowledge

1. In a pantomime, Buttons is your good friend. Who are you?
2. An invention began as a penny-farthing. What is it now?
3. In what country might a senorita amuse you by dancing in time to castanets?
4. In a mythological Miss World contest to whom did Paris award the prize, and what was the prize?
5. Is a pug mill: (i) A gymnasium where pugilists or boxers train? (ii) A machine in which clay is mixed to make pottery? (iii) A treadmill that small dogs turned by walking on the moving steps?
6. Is pedology: (i) The study of soil? (ii) The study of feet? (iii) The study of children?
7. What is another name for pyrotechnics?
8. Who wrote under the pseudonym Boz?
9. On what river is the Aswan Dam?
10. What was the wood used for building King Solomon's Temple?
11. What is the capital of Iraq?
12. In which city is the Red Square?
13. How old is a quinquagenarian?
14. At what temperature on the Fahrenheit scale does water boil?
15. What is the world's largest city in population?
16. Who was the first man to make a solo flight across the Atlantic?
17. In what sea do European eels breed?
18. How many sides are there on ordinary dice?
19. What did Wilhelm Roentgen discover in his experiments with electricity and photographic plates?
20. If John Bull symbolizes Britain, who symbolizes the United States?

Answers on Thursday.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

WALKING RACES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES SINCE 1906 WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER GAMES WERE HELD IN ATHENS.

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VLADIMIR KOLYEVICH (USSR) (4 JUNE 1956) WON GOLD MEDALS FOR THE 20,000 YARD WALK IN 1956 AND 1958, THE SILVER IN 1972 AND THE BRONZE IN 1976.

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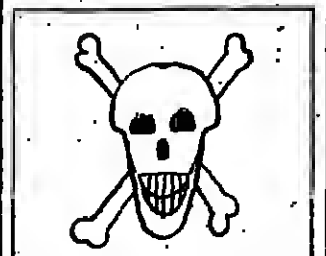
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THE LAP RECORD FOR THE OUTER CIRCUIT (2.753-MILE, 4.433 KM) AT THE BRANDS HATCH MOTOR COURSE, NEAR WENDBOROUGH, SURREY, WAS 80.0 SEC. (FORMER SPEED 28.5 MPH) SET BY NOEL BROADBENT, ON A HONDA SUPERIOR, POWERED BY A SUPERCHARGED 496 CC V-TWIN 16 HP JAP. ENGINE DEVELOPING 110 BHP, 1984.

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THE TT CIRCUIT SPEED RECORD IS 118.47 MPH (190.66 KM/H) BY JOE SHERIDAN, ON A HONDA 4 JUNE 1984.

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Doctor, Doctor

"Doctor, doctor, this ointment makes my skin smart."

"Try rubbing it on your head then!"

"Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a pack of cards."

"Sit down. I'll deal with you later."

"Doctor, doctor, what's wrong with me?"

"I think you have acute appendicitis."

"Thanks doc, I'm glad you like it."

"Doctor, doctor, people are always ignoring me."

"Next!"

When the Earth solidified

ONE of the most difficult tasks of geology (the science or study of the Earth), has been to establish the age of the Earth. Until about fifty years ago the scientists had little information to help them with this problem. By careful observation they could discover whether one rock was older than another, but the further back they went in time, the more hazy and uncertain their knowledge became.

It was only with the discovery of radioactivity that geology made a great step forward in this field.

By studying certain radioactive substances, it was discovered that, in the course of time, they lose their radioactivity at a steady, invariable rate. The element uranium, for example, loses its radioactive properties over a very long period of time and changes into lead. We know that one gramme of uranium takes a thousand

When the world began

years to produce 1/7,000,000 of a gramme of lead. With this knowledge it is possible to calculate the age of a rock containing uranium by comparing the amount of lead produced in it with the amount of uranium still present.

Tests made on radioactive rocks all over the world have shown that the oldest were formed about 3,500 million years ago. It would therefore appear that the Earth's crust solidified about 4,500 million years ago.

When the first rocks were formed in the violent beginnings of our planet the surface of the Earth looked a terrifying place. White-hot magma, formed of molten rock from the Earth's interior, boiled on the surface with constant explosions. At the same time showers of meteorites and cosmic dust, attracted

by the pull of the Earth's gravity, made the sphere grow bigger and bigger as it rotated in space.

Huge spirals of gas and water vapour rose out of the magma to darken the sky and keep the light of the Sun from falling on to the Earth. The gloom of the night was continually

shattered by flashes from the explosions and eruptions of the Earth's surface.

Millions of years passed before the first islands of rock, derived from cooled magma, appeared on the sea of lava. As it solidified, the white-hot magma, which formed the Earth in

the beginning, gave rise to a basic rock type known as igneous (from the Latin ignis, meaning fire). There is little trace left of these rocks today, however, at least on the surface: corroded and wasted away by the forces present in the atmosphere, they have been transformed into gravel, fine sand and dust.

These substances, washed away into the large sea basins by rivers and floods, have been deposited there in layers. The weight of the upper layers exerted tremendous pressure on those beneath, squeezing out the water and then cementing the fragments together again, forming new rocks. By the action of intense natural forces, they have then undergone other fundamental changes. The layers, or strata, have been folded, curved or broken. The distorted layerings of the rocks on our mountains give some idea of what happened to the Earth's crust.



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FRENCH OPEN CHAMPIONS SEEK TO COMPLETE GRAND SLAM

Graf and Wilander turn thoughts to Wimbledon

PARIS, June 6, (Reuters): Steffi Graf and Mats Wilander are knocking the red clay of the French Open from their tennis shoes today, and turning their thoughts to the green grass of Wimbledon.

Holders of the 1988 Australian and French titles, Graf and Wilander now face what is for them the toughest test of all on the lush lawns of the All-England Club where the third great championship of the year starts on June 20.

Neither player yet possesses the volleying prowess of Martina Navratilova or Boris Becker which is such an important factor of grasscourt play, but both know they will have to conquer Wimbledon to be ranked among the all-time greats.

Possession

Graf and Wilander head for London with two of the four Grand Slam titles in their possession after last week adding the French singles to the Australian championships they captured in Melbourne last January.

Wilander's 7-5 6-2 6-1 victory over Frenchman Henri Leconte at Roland Garros yesterday took his Grand Slam haul to six, an impressive collection for a man of 23, but he will be aware history is against him succeeding at Wimbledon.

Only nine men have ever won the French then triumphed at Wimbledon in the same summer: Bjorn Borg (1978, 1979, 1980), Rod Laver (1962, 1969), Lew Hoad (1956), Tony Trabert (1955), Budge Patty (1950), Don-ald Budge (1938), Fred Perry (1935), Jack Crawford (1933) and Rene Lacoste (1925).

And only two, Laver and an amateur in 1962 and again in 1969, and Budge went on to complete the cherished Grand Slam by also winning the Australian and United States Championships.

"The Grand Slam is a dream," said Wilander, who has now appeared in five French finals, winning three. "It's a beautiful fantasy which, personally, I feel cannot be done by any of the present-day players."

Wilander's Wimbledon record supports his conviction he is unlikely to emulate Laver and Budge. His straight sets defeat by eventual champion Cash 12 months ago in the quarter-finals was the first time he had gone further than the fourth round.

The Swede's third victory at Roland Garros proved yet again that he is the complete master of concentration and efficiency. From the moment Ivan Lendl fell to another of the Scandinavians, Jonas Svensson, in the quarter-



Graf (left) and Wilander: prepare for the green courts of the All-England Club

finals, Wilander assumed the burden of tournament favourite with nonchalance.

Even so, he had to strive all the way to outlast American teenager Andre Agassi, who will not be competing at Wimbledon this year but who may inspire Borgman-type scenes when he returns next summer, in a fascinating five-set semifinal.

Wilander's final triumph broke the collective heart of France, but his supremacy was

total over Leconte, who has the touch, power and stamina to win the Grand Slam but — cruelly — not the mind.

Of the Wimbledon favourites, Cash and Becker performed with admirable technique in Paris, but both lack the patience, ground-stroke consistency and artistry demanded on clay.

Unlike Wilander and Lendl, Wimbledon runner-up for the past two years, Cash and twice former champion Becker relish



Graf (left) and Wilander: prepare for the green courts of the All-England Club

the prospect of a shootout on the All-England Club's lightning-quick centre court and for them, the summer is just beginning.

The great enigma is, as ever, John McEnroe, who will walk through the Fred Perry Gates for the first time since his stunning quarterfinal defeat by South African-born American Kevin Curren in 1985.

McEnroe, older, mellower and altogether nicer, is back. He could have beaten Lendl in the fourth round here and nothing would heal the wounds of old quicker than a fourth Wimbledon singles championship.

Graf was simply never under threat at Roland Garros where she won seven matches for the loss of 30 games, made history by humiliating Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva 6-0 6-0 in the final, and generally looked invincible.

Particular

That will change when she feels soggy English turf under her feet and Navratilova in particular will be desperately keen to prove her fourth round defeat by the 17-year-old Russian was an aberration.

Although the women's singles belonged to the teenagers at Roland Garros, few of them may make the same impact at Wimbledon, though Zvereva, who left Paris in tears, has genuine star quality. Her smile will soon return.

But despite her distrust of grass, Graf must have a great opportunity of matching the feats of the late Maureen Connolly in 1953 and Margaret Court in 1970 by completing the Grand Slam.

WBC champion tries calling Hagler, Leonard names

Hearns seeks to shrug 'monkey' off his back

LAS VEGAS, June 6, (Reuters): When all else fails to entice Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvellous Marvin Hagler to fight him, Thomas Hearns reaches back to schoolyard taunts.

"This is a man's sport. You're supposed to fight like a man, not run and hide. They're both scared," said Hearns, who defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title against follow-American Iran Barkley this evening.

"Hagler just doesn't want to fight and Leonard has all that talent but not the biggest heart in the world," Hearns said.

Hearns, 29, has had a brilliant career. He is the only boxer in history to hold titles in four weight divisions — welterweight, junior middleweight, middleweight and light heavyweight.

He won his record fourth title by defeating a crudely-gamed Juan Domingo Roldan of Argentina last October to win the WBC middleweight crown.

But the greatness that the fighter from Detroit craves eludes him, mostly because of his losses to Leonard and Hagler — the only two blemishes on his 45-2 record.

"Conceding, Leonard will always be a monkey on my back," Hearns concedes.

In an effort to shrug the monkey off, Hearns — who says he will retire in a year and a half — has been lobbying for a rematch.

But Leonard, who stopped Hearns and his string of 32 consecutive victories with a 14th-round win in 1981 and Hagler, a 1985-winner in three rounds, are

not buying.

Leonard came out of retirement to upset Hagler in one of the most badly fought fights ever, and although there are signs that the former Olympic gold medalist is growing tired of civilian life, he is a long shot to return to the ring.

And Hagler's controversial defeat in his middleweight battle with Leonard sent him into a depression from which he may just be emerging. His one goal — some say obsession — is to rid himself of his own monkey on his back, by fighting Leonard again.

But Hearns keeps trying to shame them into fighting him.

"I think I pose a very big threat to both fighters, but they've already fought me, and after one time with me, usually no one wants to do it again. Especially these sissies," he says.

Hearns' manager-trainer, Emanuel Steward, parrots the same line, although he, like Hearns, probably knows better.

"They're just afraid. I think they're two cowards."

In an effort to grab some of the headlines which he thinks have been unfairly denied him, Hearns talks about a fifth title.

"I've been thinking about moving up again," says Hearns, who jumped from Middleweight to the WBC light heavyweight title last March.

"It would look pretty good in history," said Steward.

It may, indeed, look good in history, but it will not look quite great. The record books will also show those two losses to guys named Leonard and Hagler.

Carr takes Middlesex to top of standings

LONDON, June 6, (AP): Middlesex went to the top of the table after a 45-run win over Worcestershire in the limited over Sunday League cricket competition.

Opener John Carr hit a stylish 69 and young all-rounder Jeremy Sykes caught and bowled Worcestershire danger man Graeme Hick as Middlesex, without its three Test players, continued its fine start to the season.

Results

At Merthyr Tydfil: Kent beat Glamorgan by five wickets. Glamorgan 134 in 39.4 overs (C. Cowdrey four for 20), Kent 135 for five in 38 overs (N. Taylor 62), Kent four points.

At Headingly: Yorkshire beat Surrey by four wickets. Surrey 212 for eight innings closed (A. Stewart 60), Yorkshire 216 for six in 37.3 overs (A. Metcalfe 79, D. Byas 69 not out), Yorkshire four points.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Nottinghamshire by 29 runs. Warwickshire 184 for nine innings closed (D. Reeve 69; J. Birch three for 26), Nottinghamshire 155 for seven innings closed (N. Gifford three for 23), Warwickshire four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Hampshire by six wickets. Hampshire 196 for six innings closed (R. Smith 51), Lancashire four points.

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Carr: hit 69

197 for four in 39.4 overs (N. Fairbrother 57 not out, G. Mendis 48, M. Watkinson 40), Lancashire four points.

At Horsham: Derbyshire beat Sussex by five runs. Derbyshire 213 for eight innings closed (D. Roberts 59, K. Barnett 50, J. Morris 43), Sussex 208 for eight innings closed (P. Parker 80, A. Pigott 40), Derbyshire four points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Worcestershire by 45 runs. Middlesex 237 for five innings closed (J. Carr 69, R. Butcher 47), Worcestershire 192 for eight innings closed (M. Weston 42, T. Curtis 41; S. Hughes three for 26), Middlesex four points.

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Davies scores three-stroke win

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 6, (Reuters): Britain's Laura Davies charged past Nancy Lopez on the back and went on to win the \$275,000 Jamie Farr Toledo Classic golf tournament by three strokes yesterday.

The victory, worth \$41,250, was the second on the US women's tour this year for Davies. She also won the Tucson Open in March.

Davies shot a final round three-under-par 69 for an 11-

under-par 277 total. Lopez, who held a one-stroke lead over the Briton after three rounds and was going for her 40th career victory, recorded a one-over-par 73 to finish at 280.

Betsy King shot a 74 yesterday for a 283 total and a third place tie with Australia's Jan Stephenson.

Davies and Lopez battled head-to-head on the front side as the American maintained her one stroke advantage. Davies

made up for a double bogey on the third hole with birdies on the sixth and ninth holes.

Davies took the lead with a birdie on 11 as Lopez, frustrated at missing several birdie putts, bogeyed the hole.

"The 11th hole was not a good hole," said Lopez.

The Briton added to her lead with an eagle on the 12th hole and a birdie on 13, while Lopez fell another two strokes back with a birdie and a par.

Rugby brawl

SYDNEY, June 6, (Reuters): England Rugby Union manager Geoff Cooke appears unlikely to take any action against his players who were involved in a brawl after yesterday's 23-12 defeat by New South Wales.

The match was marred by a violent incident in the dying seconds of the match in which New South Wales prop Peter Kay was bloodied and scarred.

The incident led to skirmishes in front of the main grandstand after the final whistle.

Confident Lyle well-prepared for US Open

WOBURN, England, June 6, (Reuters): Sandy Lyle is high on confidence as he heads for the US Open next week.

With the second leg of golf's elusive Grand Slam beckoning, the 30-year-old Briton is probably as well-prepared as he could be for the year's second major tournament beginning on June 16.

Lyle emerged from the euphoria which surrounded his US Masters triumph two months ago to rediscover his glorious touch at Woburn and capture the British Masters title yesterday after leading all the way.

Feels

Rounds of 66, 68, 68 and 71 gave him a 15-under-par 273 total for a two-shot victory, and after battling through wind and rain to complete a remarkable treble — he also holds the German Masters crown — Lyle feels things can only get better.

"In the United States, it will be a little easier. It will be warmer with not as much rain to worry about," he said.

Lyle's confidence owes as much to his general approach to the game as it goes to the consistent form he found here.

"My concentration did not used to be as good as it is now," he admitted. "I used to be a bit of a scatterbrain. I played a lot of shots too quickly."

But over the past 18 months, the consistency in my game has become pretty good. I feel I'm a more complete player now. I'm more settled and everything is that little bit sharper."

Lyle, the 1985 British Open

champion, has won three times on the US Tour this year — at the Phoenix Open, the Greater Greensboro Open, which he also won in 1986, and the Masters.

His earnings of more than \$608,473 give him a handsome lead at the top of the US money list while boosting his career prize money in America to \$1,078,521.

Yesterday, he became a prize money millionaire on both tours — the first to do so — when his official European lifetime earnings reached £1,034,088 (\$1,851,000).

"I'd like to see some of it," he cracked.

Lyle — the "Wizard of the one iron" as he has become known for the great distance he gets with the club — rarely used anything else off the tee at Woburn until yesterday, when he employed his driver "a few more times."

"I go about 20 yards more with my driver," he explained with a straight face. "Most golfers hit 50 or 60 yards further with their driver than with their one iron."

"But I feel it's been good preparation for the US Open, hitting the one iron and keeping it under control, because the course at Brookline (near Boston) is bound to be narrow with heavy rough."

"I reckon my game is in very good shape for the US Open," he said.

The muscular Lyle, whose father is a professional who helps him with his swing, has moved up to number two in the world rankings this year behind Greg Norman of Australia.



Lyle: feels things can only get easier

Lyle's achievements in 1988 have earned him the admiration of a host of qualified experts. Lee Trevino, the American veteran who played with Lyle for the first two rounds at Woburn, was full

of praise.

"Sandy's playing exceptionally well and he's right up there with Norman and a few others as the best in the world. He has strength, finesse and he's putting

very well.

"He's won the British Open and the US Masters and those are the hardest two of the four majors to win. The US Open and the PGA will be easier for him," Trevino said.

Ben Crenshaw, Lyle's playing partner in the final round of the US Masters and third on the US money list this year, said: "I'm a great admirer of Seve (Ballesteros), Greg (Norman) and Bernhard (Langer). But nobody has been better than Sandy in the last two years. He has proved himself time and time again."

Mark Calavecchia, the young American who briefly overtook Lyle late in the final round of the US Masters before the Briton carded two birdies in the last three holes to win, was impressed by his patience.

"He is 99 per cent unflappable and I've never seen the guy lose his temper. He's got a wonderful attitude to the game," Calavecchia said.

Led

Lyle won at Augusta after enduring the pressure of leading from the end of the second round. At Woburn, he won after leading from the end of the first.

In fact, Lyle has won 12 of the 13 tournaments he has led entering the final round.

He continues his preparations for the US Open by crossing the Atlantic again this week and playing in the US tour event in Westchester, New York.

"That course should be much like Brookline," he said. "I think it will be a great place to hone my game."

BASEBALL ROUNDOUP

Yankees outclass Orioles

NEW YORK, June 6, (AP): After playing for nearly six hours the night before, the New York Yankees were in no mood for any excitement.

Less than 14 hours after losing 7-6 on a three-run throwing error in the bottom of the 14th inning, the Yankees took all the drama out of yesterday's game, scoring nine runs in the first inning to defeat the Baltimore Orioles 9-2.

Richard Dotson, 6-1, allowed six hits, walked four and struck out four in earning his 100th career victory. It was his third complete game of the season.

Rickey Henderson and Willie Randolph opened the first for the Yankees with walks against Jay Tibbs. 2-3, Claudell Washington singled home Henderson and Jack Clark walked to load the bases. Mark Williamson replaced Tibbs and got Jose Cruz to force Randolph at home but Mike Pagliarulo followed with a two-run single.

Tigers 6, Indians 2

Jeff Robinson pitched a five-hitter and Luis Salazar led a 17-hit attack with three singles and a two-run double as Detroit prevented Cleveland's Greg Swindell from becoming the Major League's first 11-game winner.

Robinson, 6-2, allowed just three hits after giving up a pair of solo home runs in the first inning. Blue Jays 12, Red Sox 4.

Kelly Gruber, Fred McGriff and Rance Mulliniks had three hits apiece and Lloyd Moseby drove in three runs with a homer and a bases-loaded walk as Toronto completed a sweep of its four-game series in Boston.

Duane Ward, 2-0, the fourth Toronto pitcher, worked two innings and was credited with the victory.

Twins 4, Athletics 3

Kirby Puckett's single in the bottom of the sixth inning scored John Muses from second and reliever Keith Atherton pitched three scoreless innings to lead Minnesota past Oakland.

Keith Atherton, 4-1, the second of three Minnesota pitchers, allowed two hits, walked one and struck out two.

SPORTS

MARSHALL AND HOOPER PUT W. INDIES ON TOP

Gooch leads England battle for draw

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 6. (Reuters): Graham Gooch led a desperate England rear-guard action to save the first Test after West Indies again dominated play on the fourth day at Trent Bridge today.

Beginning their second innings 203 behind after West Indies declared at 448 for nine, England lost opener Chris Broad for 16 but clung on to reach 67 for one at the close, still needing 136 to make West Indies bat again.

Gooch, who survived several appeals for leg before, was undefeated with 38 and captain Mike Gatting on eight.

Destroyed

Once again the day belonged to Malcolm Marshall, but this time with the bat instead of the ball. The fast bowler, who destroyed England with six wickets in the first innings, slammed a blistering 72 from only 88 deliveries and shared in a 91-run eight wicket partnership with Curtley Ambrose.

Marshall struck three sixes and six fours and at one stage took 27 from only nine balls as West Indies raced into a commanding lead.

Off-spinner John Emburey, whose seven overs on Saturday cost 62 runs, was again the bowler to suffer most, conceding two of Marshall's sixes and another two to Ambrose who



Hooper: hammered 84

was eventually run out for 43. Emburey had the satisfaction of howling Marshall, but will be less content with his final figures

of two for 95 from 16 overs.

When West Indies resumed at their overnight 264 for four in reply to England's first innings

245, 21-year-old Carl Hooper again showed the class that marks him as an outstanding batting prospect.

He reached his half century, his first in a Test in England, with a superb straight drive and continued to show fine technique on a pitch of variable bounce.

The England pace attack was far less wayward than on Saturday and Derek Pringle snapped up the wicket of Gus Logie for 20 in the fourth over the day, caught by Gooch at second slip.

Gram Dilley was more expensive, but he made the breakthrough when Jeff Dujon mistimed a pull and spooned the ball back to the bowler.

With Hooper falling to a catch to Paul Downton behind the stumps off Phillip DeFreitas immediately after lunch for 84, England had pegged West Indies back to 334 for seven and must have treasured hopes of keeping them to a first innings lead of reasonable proportions.

But Marshall and Ambrose clubbed those hopes out of the ground to leave England with no chance of winning and desperately seeking to bat through most of the final day tomorrow to prevent their 11th successive Test defeat by West Indies.

Their chances were not helped when Broad dangled his bat outside the off-stump to an away-

swinger from Ambrose to be caught by Dujon.

Gooch survived loud leg before appeals from both Ambrose and Marshall which must have been desperately close and much will depend on him and Gatting tomorrow when a total of 95 overs are possible.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 245 (G. Gooch 73, C. Broad 54, M. Marshall 67, C. Ambrose 4 for 53)

WEST INDIES first innings (overnight 264 for four)

G. Greenidge c Downton b Jarvis... 25
D. Haynes c Downton b Jarvis... 60
R. Richardson c Gatting b Emburey... 17
V. Richards c Gooch b DeFreitas... 80
C. Hooper c Downton b DeFreitas... 84
G. Logie c Gooch b Pringle... 20
J. Dujon c and b Dilley... 16
M. Marshall b Emburey... 72
C. Ambrose run out... 43
C. Walsh not out... 3
Extras (b-6 lb-8 nb-14)... 28
Total (nine wickets declared)... 448

Fall of wickets: 1-54 2-84 3-159 4-231 5-271 6-309 7-334 8-425 9-448.
Did not bat: P. Patterson

Bowling: Dilley 34-5-101-1, DeFreitas 27-5-93-2, Jarvis 18-1-63-2, Pringle 34-11-82-1, Emburey 16-4-95-2.

ENGLAND second innings
G. Gooch not out... 38
C. Broad c Dujon b Ambrose... 16
M. Gatting not out... 16
Extras (b-4 lb-1)... 5
Total (one wicket)... 67
Fall of wicket: 1-39

Bowling to date: Marshall 8-2-14-0, Patterson 7-2-17-0, Ambrose 8-3-13-1, Walsh 8-1-19-0.

Whitbread wins 8th UK javelin title



Whitbread: 8th straight crown

DERBY, England, June 6. (Reuters): World Champion Fatima Whitbread won her eighth consecutive United Kingdom javelin title yesterday — but was outstayed by her teenage pupil Steve Backley.

Olympic bronze medalist Whitbread, who has battled against ankle and shoulder injuries in recent months, clinched the women's crown with a 70.10 metres effort and then watched Backley record the furthest throw in history by a teenager.

Backley just missed the 80-metre barrier as he set a world junior record of 79.50 metres and Whitbread, who helps coach the 19-year-old, was delighted with his performance.

"It was good for British javelin throwing," she said of the European junior champion's display which bettered the mark of Finland's Juha Laakkonen by four centimetres.

Inspiration
"I've worked with him and he's been an inspiration to me just as I hope I'm an inspiration to him," she added.

But Whitbread was far less pleased about her own state of fitness. "I am having problems. My run-up is wayward and my injuries are causing me a lot of discomfort and just won't go away."

"At the end of a day of training, I feel ever so tired and I know I may have to accept some defeats in competition in the build-up to Seoul. It's no fun at all, I can tell you."

Sprinter Linford Christie, the European 100 metres champion, raced to a record fourth men's track title when he clocked a majestic 20.75 seconds easing down into a strong wind to win the 200 metres.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Huhara Bridge Club game played on Saturday.

- N/S
1. Grijlar & Abedin
2. Aurora & Imam
3. Masood & Adam
E/W
1. Vaduganathan & Rajeev
2. Fazel & Al Aziz
3. Kaddoura & Rasim
Results of the Hilton Club game played on Sunday:
1. Simon & Srivivasan
2. Dona & Shireen
3. Dr Tawel & Sahri and Chandra & Fazel

Kingdom stuns Foster in 110m hurdles

LOS ANGELES, June 6. (Reuters): Olympic champion Roger Kingdom continued his comeback by upsetting two-time world champion Greg Foster in the fastest 110 metres hurdles this year, 13.30 seconds, at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Invitational Athletics Meet yesterday.

Quadruple Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis continued his preparations for the Seoul Games with a victory in a relatively slow 100 metres.

Slower
Lewis, wearing sparkling gold-coloured shoes, surged past compatriot Brian Cooper with a few metres to go to win in 10.13 seconds, much slower than the unofficial time of 9.92 that had been flashed on the Drake stadium results board. Cooper clocked 10.18 seconds.

"I really wanted to take care of business today, to run a good race," Lewis said before the official time was announced. "That's the way it's got to be this year."

The meeting also featured the fastest times in the world this year in the 3,000-metre steeplechase, the men's mile and women's 1,500 metres.

Kenyan Julius Kariuki took command in the steeplechase over the last 400 metres and finished in eight minutes 21.96 seconds.

US record holder Steve Scott held off a charging Joaquim Cruz of Brazil to win the mile. Both Scott and Cruz, the 1984 800-metre Olympic gold medalist, were timed in 3:53.6.

The women's 1,500 metres was won by US Olympic hopeful Linda Sheskey in 4:07.41.

Kingdom, who has been slowed by hamstring problems since 1985, moved past Foster after the sixth hurdle and won by a metre over his US rival, who was timed in 13.39 seconds.

Although the time was one of the best in the world this year, Foster, who was opening his season, was disappointed.

"There's no way I should be running that slow," said Foster, who recently bruised the hall of his left foot.

"But that's no excuse," said Foster, who lost the gold medal to Kingdom in the 1984 Olympics.

In other events, Mike Tully of the US cleared 5.81 metres in the pole vault and Denean Howard upset Olympic gold medalist Valerie Brisco in the women's 400 metres with a lifetime best of 50.42 seconds.



Lewis: won 100m

Olympic blow for Whitaker

HICKSTEAD, England, June 6. (Reuters): British showjumping star John Whitaker, widely tipped for Olympic success, looks set to miss the Seoul Games.

Tom and Doreen Bradley, owners of his top horse, Next Milton, are refusing to release it for the Games, which means Whitaker, a member of the silver-medal winning team in Los Angeles, will have no suitable partner.

The shortlist of Olympic riders will be released this week, but chairman of selectors, General Sir Cecil Blacker, made it clear yesterday at a Nations' Cup event that Next Milton, and therefore Whitaker, would not be included.

Rono, Williams and Gray shine

BURNABY, British Columbia, June 6. (Reuters): Peter Rono of Kenya drew away on the final lap to breeze to victory in the men's 1,500 metres at the Harry Jerome International Athletics Classic yesterday.

Rono clocked three minutes 35.59 seconds to beat Canadian Doug Consiglio, who was second in 3:35.82. Favourite Sydney Maree of the US, running his first outdoor 1,500 of the season, faded on the final lap and finished fifth in 3:39.81.

The best race of the day was the men's 800 metres where American Johnny Gray ran away from the field in 1:43.70, the fastest time over the distance this year. Sammy Koskei of

Kenya was second in 1:45.93 and Canadian Paul Osland was third in 1:46.26.

Canadian Lynn Williams, 1984 Olympic bronze medalist in the 3,000 metres, ran the fastest women's 1,500 metres of the year — four minutes 04.25 seconds — just a couple of hours after US Olympic hopeful Linda Sheskey had set the 1988 standard at a meet in Los Angeles with a time of 4:07.41.

Canadian Julie Rocheleau rebounded from last week's disappointment to easily win the women's 100-metre hurdles. Rocheleau won in 12.99 seconds to turn back a strong challenge by Americans Benita Fitzgerald-Brown, the 1984

Olympic gold medalist, and Stephanie Hightower Fitzgerald-Brown ran 13.64 and Hightower was third in 13.95.

Last week at the Bruce Jenner Classic Grand Prix event in San Jose, California, Rocheleau stumbled when she hit the third hurdle and did not finish the race.

In other events, American Billy Olson easily won the men's pole vault when he cleared 5.40 metres and his countryman Brent Harkin leaped 2.31 metres to win the men's high jump.

Carol Lewis, whose Olympic champion brother Carl won the 100 metres yesterday in Los Angeles, took top honours in the women's long jump with a 6.45-metre effort.

Khalifa could have won powerboat race, says Nabil

By Gail Seery

KHALIFA AL QATAMI and threeman Nabil Faraj were reckoned as being among the top Kuwait contenders for last Friday's 2nd bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race. They imported an Al Sha'ali marine Tigercat from Dubai, at great cost, and spent the days preceding the race practising earnestly.

In the first Kuwait race, on October 30 last year, they came second, despite losing power in one of their engines. They were piloting a 27ft Gulfcraft monohull with the same 220 laser engines as they used in this race.

Nabil explained their interest in the sport. "We always wanted to race," he said. "Khalifa and I grew up on the sea together and there is no-one here to teach him. He would never have got lost."

"We went down to Dubai to watch the race and pick the right boat. We watched them all and decided that the cats were faster than the monohulls."

In fact the pair were racing in a similar 24ft Tigercat to Khalid Bakhti, the winner of the race. "The Tigercat arrived in Kuwait last Tuesday and on Wednesday afternoon, after it had cleared customs, we took it straight out. It was our first time to drive a cat, and we found it completely different in the way it handled the

water, and in the steering, and the way it hit the waves. It was harder to drive than a monohull. We took it easy because of the engines, and then had a second training session on Thursday.

There were no problems, just a few minor adjustments to be made. Everything was beautiful: the boat was checked by Al Sha'ali, and he was happy," said Nabil.

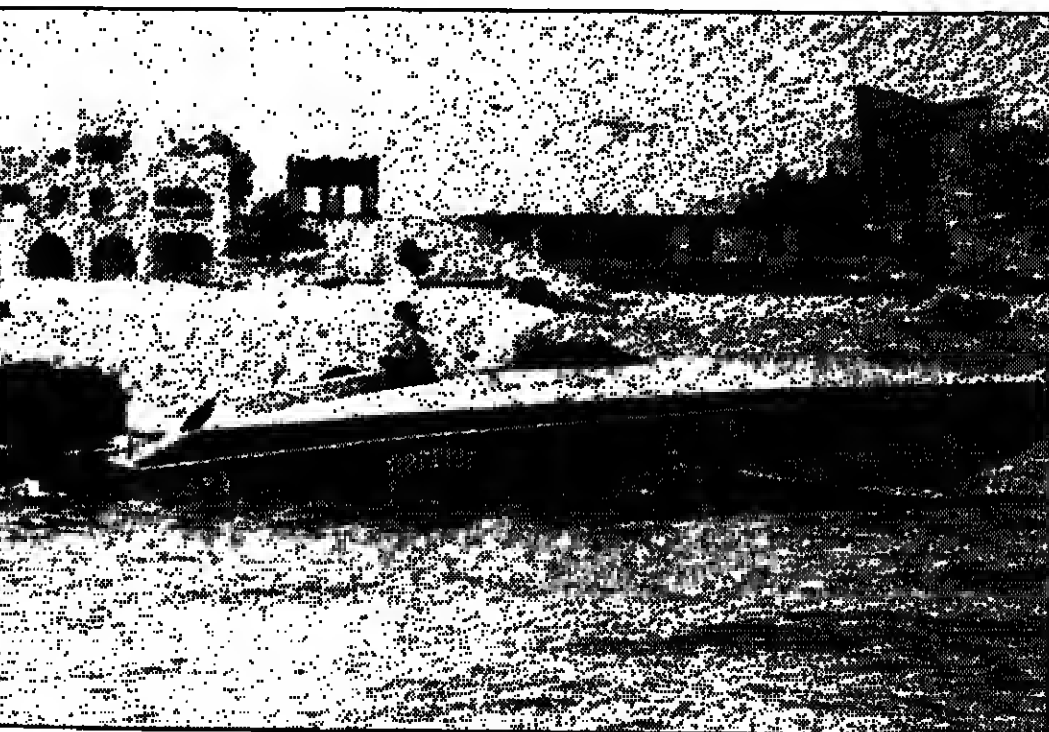
"On the race day we started well up in the field, then the rpm went down on the left engine, and we lost all power. I tried to do something about the gas flow, and restarted the engine. We made it to the first turning point, 15 minutes behind everyone else, then we lost engine pressure again and we were finished. We went 8 miles in 15 minutes because of the fuel supply problem."

Nabil is certain that he and Khalifa would not have got lost: if they had not been forced to stop, they could have gone on to win, even despite the time deficit they had already built up.

"Khalifa has a good knowledge of the sea, but so do Hassan Al Seyfah and Mohammed Karam. We were surprised that they got lost."

"We were very disappointed, but hopefully we'll go on to do all future races in Kuwait and elsewhere."

"The Dubai racers had more experience in official boat racing, but I think Khalifa Al Qatami is better than anyone else."



Khalifa and Nabil in their powerboat.

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Nabil praised the idea behind the race, and the Arab Times/AI Seyfah's involvement in the scheme. "It was good to make the race outboard only. It was a bet-

ter race."

He also praised the Coastguard for their help in Friday's race. "The Coastguard and the Air Force did a great job, and so did the Messiah Beach Hotel."

There were mistakes made. "The race shouldn't have been so far offshore. If it had been closer, people could have seen what was happening and the Coastguard would have been quick to help if something went wrong." On the other hand, the race shouldn't have been a straightforward dash down the

coast. "There has to be a navigational element," he said. The pair were racing with a new sponsor, Perrier mineral water, for the first time. "We are very grateful to them, they gave us good support."

"Everything looked so good, and Abdullah Al Sha'ali was very surprised and pleased with the way we handled the boat. Before the race he said that he thought we were leading contenders. Then it went wrong."

The race was very worthwhile; it is the best thing that has happened for a long time. I'd like to thank our crew, Abdul Rahman Al Attar, Hamad Al Shatt and Mrs Faraj.

Completed
Mohammed Karam who finished fourth — despite stopping en route for lunch, had no problems other than the universal one of getting totally lost between turning point 1 and 3. "I thought we were out of time and so I stopped," said Karam. He completed the race in 2 hours 45 minutes.

Thabit Al Bania, who finished sixth had the same problem, and finally made it back to shore after four hours. All contenders are adamant about one thing. They will most certainly race again as soon as the opportunity arises, and plans are already being made to bring new boats and engines before the next race.

Voeller comes under fire after West Germany draw

BONN, June 6. (Reuters): Rudi Voeller, once regarded as West Germany's most skilled striker, came under heavy fire from the nation's sportswriters today in the wake of the side's disappointing 1-1 draw with Yugoslavia in a soccer friendly.

Former international Paul Breitner, a columnist for the Bild newspaper, suggested Voeller should not be used in the European Championship finals which West Germany open with a match against Italy in Duesseldorf on Friday.

Voeller was substituted at half-time in Saturday's friendly. Breitner concluded: "That was the proof: things go better without Voeller."

"The first 45 minutes against Yugoslavia showed clearly: there is no sense in persevering with Voeller," Breitner said. Die Welt said Voeller's assess-

ment of his physical condition, following a groin injury and other problems, "is rosier than reality allows."

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung said Voeller, playing in front of his old Bremen home crowd, was "with respect, a total loss."

But manager Franz Beckenbauer continues to display confidence in Voeller and appears to be leaving the player to decide whether he feels he should turn out on Friday.

The newspapers were full of praise for Voeller's substitute, Nuremberg forward Dieter Eckstein.

Called
The Frankfurter Rundschau, reflecting general media sentiment, called him "the winner of the day."

"Almost every dangerous move originated from him, whether he dribbled, centered or shot," it said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cup skipper

SAN DIEGO, June 6. (Reuters): Skipper Dennis Conner, at a commissioning ceremony at the San Diego Yacht Club, yesterday officially assumed command of the catamaran in which he hopes to defend the America's Cup.

Title re-match

OSAKA, June 6. (Reuters): Japanese champion Hiroki Ioka and Napa Katwanchai of Thailand could meet again for the World Boxing Council (WBC) strawweight crown after their title fight yesterday ended in controversy.

Budweiser

DOVER, Delaware, June 6. (UPI): Bill Elliot, in full command much of the way, yesterday won the Budweiser 500 NASCAR race at Dover Downs International Speedway.

Ella recalled

SYDNEY, June 6. (Reuters): The magic word 'Ella' reappeared on a Wallabies teamsheet today when Gary Ella was named in the Australian side to play England in Sunday's second Rugby Union international.

Mears triumphs

MILWAUKEE, June 6. (AP): Indianapolis 500 winner Rick Mears overwhelmed the field in the Miller High Life 200 yesterday to come up with his second victory in eight days.

Golz wins

OVIEDO, Spain, June 6. (AP): West German rider Rolf Golz won the 18th Tour of Asturias cycling race, which ended yesterday.

French players

CAPE TOWN, June 6. (Reuters): Thirteen French rugby players have arrived in South Africa in defiance of an anti-apartheid ban on international sporting contact with South Africa, officials said today.

Jimmy Connors

LONDON, June 6. (Reuters): American tennis star Jimmy Connors said today the fun has gone from the professional game and indicated he would retire after one more season.

Algerian striker

MILAN, Italy, June 6. (Reuters): Italian First Division soccer club Internazionale Milan said today they had paid a five-billion-lire (\$4 million) transfer fee for Algerian striker Rabah Madjer.

Referee attacked

MAPUTO, June 6. (Reuters): Riot police moved in to restore order after Mauritanian players beat up Kenyan referee Joash Mwanga Ambani during an African Champions' Cup soccer tie, eyewitnesses said.

Heroic figure

NEWCASTLE, England, June 6. (Reuters): Newcastle have agreed terms of £750,000 (\$1.35 million) for goalkeeper Dave Beasant, a heroic figure in Wimbledon's surprise English FA Cup final win over Liverpool last month.

Portuguese soccer

LISBON, June 6. (Reuters): Porto rounded off the Portuguese League season in true champions' style yesterday, crushing arch-rivals Benfica 3-0 to win the title by a remarkable 15 points.

US advance

BEIJING, June 6. (AP): The United States women's national soccer team tied Czechoslovakia 1-1 yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of the first International Women's soccer Championships in Canton.

Relegation playoff

MANHEIM, West Germany, June 6. (Reuters): Waldhof Mannheim beat Darmstadt 2-1 in the second leg of their West German Soccer League relegation playoff yesterday to level the tie 3-3 on aggregate.

Cup defender

GENEVA, June 6. (Reuters): Belgian World Cup defender Michel Renquin has signed a two-year contract with FC Sion, the Swiss First Division soccer club said yesterday.

Seniors golf

DALLAS, June 6. (AP): Senior Tour money leader Orville Moody rolled in a 16-footer (4.8 metre shot) on the first playoff hole to break a four-way deadlock, giving him the top prize in the \$285,000 Senior Players Reunion Pro-am.

Solo finish

BORMIO 2000, Italy, June 6. (AP): France's Jean Francois Bernard, with a solo finish, today won the 15th stage of the Italian Cycling Tour, which was shortened by 50 kilometres because heavy snowfalls forced closure of the alpine pass of Stelvio.

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